March 14, 2018

The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC  20515  

The Honorable Ted Poe  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC  20515  

Dear Representatives DeSaulnier and Poe:  

The undersigned organizations are writing to express strong support for the Cancer Care Planning and Communications (CCPC) Act. We commend your leadership in introducing this legislation, which holds the promise of improving cancer care. By increasing cancer patient access to cancer care plans – at the initiation of treatment, at critical points in the cancer care continuum, and at the beginning of cancer survivorship – the CCPC Act will help foster greater shared decision-making and cancer care coordination.  

We have long supported enhancements to the Medicare program to ensure that cancer patients have access to cancer care planning and coordination services. Cancer care planning as an element of quality cancer care has also been endorsed by the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) in several reports recommending reforms of cancer care. We are pleased that cancer care planning is a practice improvement initiative that is included in the Oncology Care Model, an ongoing Medicare cancer care demonstration project.  

Your efforts to reform Medicare fee-for-service cancer care, even as the Oncology Care Model and other alternative care models are tested, are an important response to the needs of Medicare beneficiaries who still receive their care from cancer care professionals in traditional Medicare. We also applaud the definition of cancer care planning and coordination in the CCPC Act as a service that can be provided across the cancer care continuum, including at the beginning of survivorship. Access to survivorship care plans holds the promise of improving survivorship for many Americans.  

We stand ready to assist you in advancing the CCPC Act. Thank you again for your leadership in enhancing cancer care quality.  

Sincerely,  

American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
Association of Community Cancer Centers  
Association of Oncology Social Work  
CancerCare
Cancer Legal Resource Center
Cancer Support Community
College of American Pathologists
Colon Cancer Alliance
Critical Mass
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association
International Myeloma Foundation
Lacuna Loft
LIVESTRONG
Lung Cancer Alliance
LUNGevity Foundation
Lymphoma Research Foundation
National Brain Tumor Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Stupid Cancer
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Triage Cancer
West Virginia Oncology Society
Zero Prostate Cancer

**Cancer Centers**
City of Hope National Medical Center
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone
Loma Linda University Cancer Center
Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Moffitt Cancer Center
Norris Cotton Cancer Center
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
Stanford Cancer Institute
UC Davis Cancer Center
The University of Kansas Cancer Center
The University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center
The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
The University of Virginia Cancer Center