

December 21, 2022

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
1724 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Blunt Rochester:

We write to you to express our appreciation for introducing H.R. 9310 – The Preventive Services Early Action Act, which would make important reforms to the United State Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

The USPSTF plays a critical role in ensuring patients have access to life-saving clinical preventive services, including screening tests, counseling services, and preventive medications. All clinical preventive services that receive an A or B rating from the USPSTF must be covered by group and individual health plans with \$0 cost-sharing for patients. In addition, Medicare and Medicaid take USPSTF recommendations in account in making their coverage determinations.

Given its outsized role in determining coverage, it is important that the USPSTF can expeditiously make decisions around clinical preventive services recommendations. Unfortunately, the USPSTF is often not meeting its statutory requirement to update each recommendation every five years. These delays create barriers and financial hardship for patients in need of clinical preventive services.

We believe it is time to update the statute to modernize the USPSTF to more efficiently and effectively meet patients' screening needs. This requires the USPSTF to have access to the latest, most robust scientific information that reflects the potential impacts on all populations, including under-resourced communities and disproportionately affected groups. It also includes the ability for the USPSTF to be nimble and quickly modify recommendations to reflect new information submitted by the stakeholder community and the availability of new screening technologies.

We applaud your leadership in starting a conversation around improvements to the USPSTF and we look forward to engaging with you further on the legislation.

Sincerely,

AdvaMed
ALK Positive, Inc.
Alliance for Aging Research
American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative
BrafBombers
Cancer Support Community
Citizens for Radioactive Radon Reduction
Colon Cancer Coalition
Colorectal Cancer Alliance

Community Liver Alliance
Dusty Joy Foundation (LiveLung)
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Free ME from Lung Cancer
Geneoscopy, Inc.
Global Colon Cancer Association
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Guardant Health
Healthcare Leadership Council
Helix Op Co, LLC
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
Kaiser Permanente Northern California
Kentucky Health Collaborative (KHC)
KRAS Kickers
Lung Cancer Action Network (LungCAN)
Lung Cancer Foundation of America
Lung Cancer Initiative
Lung Cancer Research Foundation
LUNGeity Foundation
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
MITA
National Black Nurses Association
National Collaborative for Health Equity
ONE CANCER PLACE
Patient Empowerment Network
PERSOWN, Inc.
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Network
Renalis Health
Renalytix Inc.
Respiratory Health Association
The White Ribbon Project
Upstage Lung Cancer
Wichita Medical Research and Education Foundation
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer