October 20, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Democratic Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Thune, and Democratic Leader Schumer:

We write today to thank you for your leadership on the **Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2026 (H.R. 2319/S. 1157)**. We applaud the passage of this landmark legislation by both the House and Senate and are encouraged by the strong bipartisan and bicameral support it has received.

We commend Senators Tina Smith (D-MN) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Representatives Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), along with committees chairs and ranking members, for championing this historic effort to address anomalies in lung cancer among women and advance research to better understand its causes, risk factors, and pathology. Such research is urgently needed.

This is a long-awaited milestone for the women, families, advocates, researchers, and survivors who have worked tirelessly to elevate this issue. **We now urge Congressional Leadership to come together to resolve the differences between H.R. 2319 and S. 1157.** Your leadership on this bipartisan bill will expeditiously advance a final bill to the President's desk for signature into law before the end of the 119th Congress.

As lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the United States, and approximately one woman dies from the disease every nine minutes, the need for action has never been greater.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to improving the lives of patients and families affected by lung cancer. Together, we can usher in a new era in the fight against lung cancer and move closer to ending cancer as we know it.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Radiology
American Lung Association
American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Free ME from Lung Cancer
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America
Healthy Women
Hope for Stomach Cancer
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation
Lung Cancer Foundation of America
LUNGevity Foundation
LiveLung
LungCAN
Moffitt Cancer Center
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Rexanna's Foundation
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
The EGFR Resisters
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
The White Ribbon Project

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Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Representative Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2)
Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)
Representative Brett Guthrie (R-KY-2), Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ-6), Ranking Member, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions