
2018 ZERO Prostate Cancer Summit Legislative Requests

Prostate Cancer Research at DoD – The Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) at the Department of Defense (DoD) is the most impactful federally funded prostate cancer research program, employing a unique structure to set annual goals addressing gaps in understanding of diagnosis and treatment of the disease. This high-risk, high-reward translational approach, which differs from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which focuses on basic research, has resulted in three new treatments for advanced prostate cancer and one advanced diagnostic in the last seven years. In recent years, there have been efforts in Congress, primarily driven by budget concerns, to eliminate this highly effective program. We urge Congress to support \$100M in funding for the PCRP and recognize prostate cancer as a militarily relevant disease in the FY 2019 defense appropriations bill. We further request that Congress fight any effort to undermine or eliminate the PCRP in the National Defense Authorization Act. **We ask House members to please sign the King-Bishop dear colleague letter to the House Appropriations Committee, and we ask Senate members to please sign the Crapo-Menendez dear colleague letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee supporting funding for the PCRP program.**

Increased Accountability & Transparency at USPSTF - The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) currently determines which preventive services, including cancer screening, are covered without copays by private insurance. Unfortunately, the USPSTF is not required to publicly disclose its methodologies and does not include specialists on the panel. These deficiencies have led to recommendations on breast cancer and prostate cancer screening that are counter to almost all specialists' recommendations. Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Bobby Rush (D-IL) are drafting legislation to make significant changes to the Task Force and its recommendation process, including requirements to involve of specialists and stakeholders and mandate public comment periods on draft recommendations. **We ask for your support and cosponsorship of the legislation when introduced.**

Protect Prostate CDC Cancer Surveillance and Education – The President's budget request eliminates funding within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Comprehensive Cancer Control program for prostate cancer activities. This work supports the development and dissemination of materials to help patients and providers have a better-informed discussion about treatment options. It also provides needed funding for important surveillance activities that help providers, epidemiologists, and researchers better understand the disease, its incidence, and progression. **We ask for your support for maintaining funding (\$13.2M) for this important work in the Labor-HHS-Education FY 2019 appropriations bill in any individual**

Main Office/Mid-Atlantic Chapter

515 King Street
Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22314
202-303-3115

California Chapter

3357 Cahuenga Blvd.
West #44
Los Angeles, CA 90068
213-481-5254

Texas Chapter

5570 FM 423
Suite 250 – 194
Frisco, TX 75034
469-240-1216