

The Honorable Raul Ruiz
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Dear Representative Raul Ruiz,

Thank you for your ongoing support for improving seniors' access to multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests, including your co-sponsorship of S.2085/H.R. 2407, the Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. With Congress facing the rare opportunity to kickstart a shift in cancer care, we write to urge passage of S. 2085/H.R. 2407 this year. Millions of Americans are counting on your leadership to make this a reality.

When cancers are found in an early stage, patients have a greater likelihood of surviving their cancer diagnosis. Identifying cancers at an early-stage results in lower health care costs compared to diagnosing cancer at a later stage. Unfortunately, while Medicare covers regular recommended cancer screening tests – breast, cervical, colorectal, lung and prostate – these tests alone are not enough to help identify cancer in its early stage. Only 14% of cancers are detected using a recommended screening test. We simply need more tools to help screen for cancer.

Scientific and technological breakthroughs are providing the tools to help change this, but Congress must also act. S.2085/H.R. 2407 will allow Medicare to cover MCED tests in a timely

manner following FDA approval and evidence of clinical benefit. Without S.2085/H.R. 2407, the most vulnerable patients could face years-long waits to access the latest innovations in cancer detection.

This bill has enjoyed the bi-partisan, bi-cameral support of more than 350 members of Congress, including your California colleagues Representative Darrel Issa, Representative Scott Peters, Representative Jim Costa, Representative David Valadao, Representative Doris Matsui, Representative J. Luis Correa, Representative Ami Bera, Representative Michelle Steel, Representative Jimmy Gomez, Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan, Representative Jimmy Panetta, Representative Zoe Lofgren, Representative Jay Obernolte, Representative Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Representative Ted Lieu, Representative Young Kim, Representative Mike Garcia, Representative Tony Cárdenas, Representative Barbara Lee, Representative Kevin Mullin, Representative Eric Swalwell, Representative Maxine Waters, Representative Doug LaMalfa, Representative Mike Thompson, Representative Sara Jacobs, Representative Grace F. Napolitano, Representative Juan Vargas, Representative Katie Porter, Representative Jared Huffman, Representative Julia Brownley, Representative Salud O. Carbajal, Representative Mike Levin, Representative Ken Calvert, Representative Brad Sherman, Representative Josh Harder, Representative Judy Chu, Representative Linda T. Sánchez, Representative John Garamendi, Representative Vince Fong, Representative Mark DeSaulnier, and Representative Norma Torres, as well as hundreds of patient advocacy organizations across the U.S. Passage of this once-in-a-generation policy can change the future of cancer in this country. Now is the time to act.

We remain grateful for your support to date and are hopeful that with your help, S.2085/H.R. 2407 will be passed into law this year.

Sincerely,

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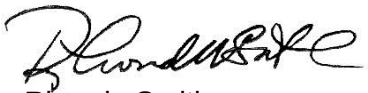
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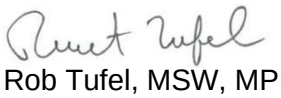
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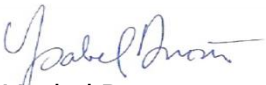
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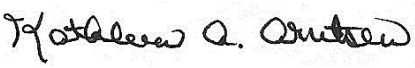
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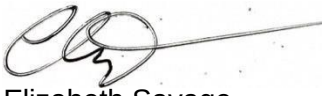
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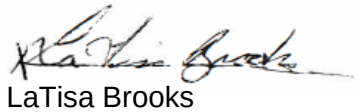
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