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## Re: Essential legislation in our battle against cancer

Dear Representatives Arrington, Sewell, Hudson, Ruiz, Kelly, and Miller-Meeks, and Senators Crapo, Bennet, Scott, and Wyden:

We are writing to convey our support for the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (H.R. 842) / Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (S. 339), due to its enormous potential benefits, both human and economic.

Every day, approximately 1,700 Americans die from cancer. That adds up to more than 600,000 of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones perishing from these diseases each year. It is well known that early detection of cancer saves lives, lowers treatment costs and increases quality of life for patients and their families. In fact, the five-year survival rate is almost 90% when cancer is found in its early stages. Yet we still have so many deaths in the United States stemming from

late-stage cancer diagnosis—because until now, we have had only a handful of early detection screening tools.

Today, routine screening is reimbursed for only five types of cancer—breast, cervical, colorectal, prostate, and lung cancer (only in high-risk individuals for lung). That leaves the vast majority of cancers without available screening tests and those cases account for nearly three of every four cancer deaths in the United States each year. The data also show that cancer takes a disproportionate toll on communities of color and rural Americans. The imperative is clear: we must expand our ability to screen for and detect more cancers.

We are encouraged by ongoing clinical trials demonstrating that a groundbreaking new category of cancer screening can detect many deadly cancers in earlier stages. These multi-cancer early detection (MCED) tests utilize advances in genomic science and computing power to, through a simple blood draw, find cancer before it spreads throughout the body. Peer-reviewed research details the effectiveness of these new technologies and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted multiple breakthrough device designations.

As science moves forward, so must health care policy. Currently, Americans most at risk for cancer— Medicare beneficiaries—will face substantial barriers to coverage of multi-cancer early detection tests, even when they are approved by the FDA. Congress has a history of acting to ensure access to cancer screenings, including legislating Medicare coverage of the Pap test, mammography, and colon cancer and prostate cancer screenings, and must act again to ensure seniors don't face unnecessary access barriers to these transformative new early detection tools.

The Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (H.R. 842) / Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act (S. 339) responds to the misalignment between advances in science and outdated policy by allowing for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer screening. Specifically, the legislation would:

- 1. Create the authority for CMS to cover blood-based MCED tests and future test methods once approved by the FDA and shown to have clinical benefit.
- 2. Maintain CMS' authority to use an evidence-based process to determine coverage parameters for these new tests.
- 3. Clarify that (1) these new tools will complement, not replace, existing screenings and coverage and (2) cost sharing will not be impacted.

Under current law, Medicare coverage of preventive services is limited to circumstances in which Congress has explicitly authorized coverage or the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends the service with a grade of A or B. In the absence of this legislation, it could take several years after FDA approval before Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage for MCED

tests. This bill would greatly reduce any such access delays for seniors while allowing CMS to use its evidence-based process to determine coverage. Accordingly, these new multi-cancer screening tools will complement existing screenings and dramatically improve cancer early detection capabilities.

Last Congress, this legislation reached incredible levels of bipartisan and bicameral support with nearly 400 cosponsors across all geographies and political ideologies. It has been heavily vetted, passing through the House Committee on Ways & Means with unanimous support. Passing H.R. 842 / S. 339 would provide Medicare beneficiaries with a meaningful tool that empowers them to get screened for cancer.

We thank you for your continued leadership on this legislation to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries, and their health care providers, have access to these transformative new early detection tests. We are calling on Congress to quickly get the job done.

Sincerely, Prevent Cancer Foundation

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