The Honorable **(Legislator Name)**

**(United States Senate) (United States House of Representatives)**

**(Room Number) (Building Number)**

Washington, DC **(Zip Code)**

Dear Representative/Senator **(Last Name)**,

On behalf of **(Name of Cancer Center)**, I would like to congratulate you on your election to the United States **(Senate/House of Representatives)**. We wish you the very best as you take on this exciting opportunity to represent the people of **(District or State)**.

I hope you will consider taking the opportunity to visit our cancer center and think of us as a resource on public policy issues facing Congress relating to cancer.

**(Please insert a sentence or two about the issues that affect your cancer center or state the most, and any recent progress. AACI’s** [**state fact sheets**](https://www.aaci-cancer.org/state-fact-sheets)**may be a helpful resource.)**

Our cancer center is a member of the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI), which advocates for stable, predictable funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to support biomedical research, accelerating the discoveries that may lead to cures.

In the NCI’s budget plan and proposal for 2020, NCI Director, Ned Sharpless, MD, noted that we are living “in the midst of a historic moment in cancer research” in which scientists are working across diverse disciplines—from molecular biology to data science—to advance cancer treatment.

“As a result,” Sharpless wrote, “patients today have better options for more effective and less toxic therapies than ever before.”

Death rates for most cancers are steadily declining. The age-adjusted rate of new cancer cases is decreasing. And all of this is possible because of ongoing bipartisan support from Congress. At **(Name of Cancer Center)**, we hope you will help us sustain this momentum by serving as a champion of funding for the crucial cancer research being done through funding provided to the NIH and the NCI.

Again, congratulations on your election and we look forward to working with you in the 116th United States Congressional term.

Sincerely,

**Name,**

**Title**