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The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member House Appropriations  
Committee & Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Capito, Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member Baldwin, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) is deeply concerned that the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget proposed eliminating the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This CDC division works directly with state health departments to support data collection and provide crucial funding that enables our country to aggregate national data from state and local cancer incidence and prevalence. The CAP urgently seeks your support for ongoing funding of these vital cancer surveillance programs for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for FY2026.

Even though Congress approved FY 2025 funding in March, the CDC has not issued notice of awards to provide funding to state and local health departments for the remaining FY 2025 funds. State and local health departments are challenged to continue their work without knowing if they will be reimbursed. Progress in the fight against cancer can't continue without consistent and steady funding, staff, and data collection resources from the federal government. State health departments and grantees are on the verge of shutting down programs and furloughing staff. We urge you to apply additional pressure to obligate and award these funds as quickly as possible. Further delays or terminations of these grants will have disastrous effects on cancer surveillance, screening, and prevention, leading to preventable cancer deaths.

The President's FY 2026 Budget Request eliminates critical work by the nation's cancer registries. The CAP works with the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACR), the state-based registries, and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program to implement standardized reporting and information exchange using the CAP's electronic Cancer Protocols. Pathologists provide uniform data to cancer registries to enable hospitals and departments of public health to analyze local,



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regional, and national trends in cancer incidence and prevalence. For example, data from these comprehensive collection efforts informed us about the rise in early onset colorectal cancer and motivated efforts to address this matter. Eliminating the CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control would undermine screening efforts, delay early detection, and slow progress in reducing cancer risk.

In 2026 alone, the projected number of new cancer diagnoses in the US will exceed 2 million (5,590 each day), and cancer is expected to claim the lives of over 618,000 people. We cannot maintain progress in cancer diagnosis and treatment without support for surveillance and public health programs that allow us to understand the causes of cancer and develop effective tools for prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

As you know well, cancer knows no political affiliation, race, or gender. Cancer does not discriminate. It destroys equally. The CAP is grateful that Congress has made generous bipartisan investments over the years to support physicians and their patients. We urge you to continue that trend by preserving the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the CDC. If you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information, please contact Hannah Burriss at [hburriss@cap.org](mailto:hburriss@cap.org).

Sincerely,

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