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Thank You for Your Leadership on the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act (S. 1157)

Members of Congress:

We write today to thank you for your leadership on S. 1157, the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2026. We applaud the passage of this landmark legislation by both the House and Senate and are encouraged by the strong bipartisan and bicameral support it has received.

We commend Senators Tina Smith (D-MN) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), along with Representatives Brendan Boyle (D-PA-2) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), for championing this historic effort to address anomalies in lung cancer among women and advance research to better understand its causes, risk factors, and pathology. Such research is urgently needed.

This is a long-awaited milestone for the women, families, advocates, researchers, and survivors who have worked tirelessly to elevate this issue. Your support for this legislation made all the difference, and we are deeply grateful.

As lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the United States, and approximately one woman dies from the disease every nine minutes, the need for action has never been greater. **We now urge the Senate and the House to work expeditiously to resolve any remaining differences and send this critical legislation to the President's desk for signature into law.**

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to improving the lives of patients and families affected by lung cancer. Together, we can usher in a new era in the fight against lung cancer and move closer to ending cancer as we know it.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Chest Physicians

American College of Radiology

American Lung Association

American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative

Association of American Cancer Institutes

GO2 for Lung Cancer

Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America

Healthy Women

LUNGevity Foundation

Moffitt Cancer Center

National Patient Advocate Foundation

Prevent Cancer Foundation

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons