

July 15, 2009

The Honorable Lois Capps
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Re: Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2009 (H.R. 1844)

Dear Representatives Capps and Boustany:

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Advocacy Alliance supports the “Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2009” (H.R. 1844), as we have in previous Congresses. The Act would provide coverage for comprehensive cancer care planning services within Medicare and will make strides toward a cancer care system that coordinates all levels of care.

Cancer patients should have a coordinated plan for treatment and follow-up from the time they are diagnosed through the years of their survivorship. A written cancer plan and the opportunity to review it in person with their doctor will better enable cancer patients to understand the process ahead, monitor their own health, and participate in decisions about their care. Further, a written plan will help coordinate care among a patient’s many doctors and providers, reduce medical errors, and ultimately improve patient care.

The Komen Advocacy Alliance is the voice for more than 2.5 million breast cancers survivors and the people who love them. Our mission is to translate the Komen promise to end breast cancer forever into evidence-based government action to discover and deliver the cures for cancer. Cancer patients and survivors have some of the most challenging experiences with the health care system at a time in their lives when they are most vulnerable. We are calling on Congress to ensure access to affordable, high-quality health insurance for all, including people with preexisting conditions like cancer.

We look forward to working with you to finally pass the Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act into law. Thank you for introducing this legislation and for your history of strong support for cancer research and access to cancer care.

Sincerely,



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Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance