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Together, We **CAN** Defeat Cancer

Many of the most important decisions about cancer are made outside of your doctor's office: by your state legislature, in Congress, and at the White House. Government officials make decisions every day about health issues that affect all our lives. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN) is devoted to turning the hope of preventing, detecting and finding cures for cancer into action by holding candidates and our government accountable. ACS CAN strives to make cancer a national priority and demands that our leaders not only talk about fighting cancer but take real steps towards decreasing the incidence of deaths and suffering from cancer.

For the first time in history, cancer survivors, caretakers, loved ones, and advocates are uniting to create one powerful voice. ACS CAN is a mighty weapon that empowers every citizen to fight back against cancer. Together we have the freedom to actively lobby and directly engage policy makers and candidates. We have the knowledge to provide the educational tools and resources to inform the public on the positions of their elected officials and candidates. We have the power to advocate for research funding, access to care, patients' rights, and other issues critical to eliminating the pain and suffering from cancer.

ACS CAN is a movement of ordinary people working together with extraordinary power to make cancer a national and state legislative priority.

ACS CAN has a history of accomplishments including:

ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.

- Obtaining signatures of 340 Members of Congress for the Congressional Cancer Promise pledging to make cancer a federal legislative priority;
- Stopping proposed cuts in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This resulted in securing \$10 billion in new NIH funding and \$1 billion in CDC funds for 2009;
- Pressuring Congress to provide adequate funding for the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which screens low income, uninsured, and underinsured women for breast and cervical cancer. Despite the program's reauthorization in 2007, lack of proper funding means four out of five women eligible for the program cannot take advantage of it;
- Ensuring the US Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate the manufacturing, labeling, marketing and distribution of tobacco products—including marketing ploys that target young children.
- Making 31 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico smoke-free!

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