



LUNGeVity Applauds Reintroduction of the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act

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LUNGeVity Foundation applauds Representatives Kathy Castor (D-FL-14), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1), and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-25) for introducing the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act. This bipartisan bill would ensure that lung cancer screening is covered without cost sharing and without prior authorization requirements across all types of insurance for those currently recommended for screening. The bill would also expand eligibility for tobacco cessation services in Medicaid; establish a nationwide public awareness campaign on the importance of lung cancer screening; and authorize a study and report to Congress on the demographics of people diagnosed with lung cancer but not included in current screening guidelines.

“Early detection of lung cancer is critical for saving lives, and we need to do everything possible to eliminate barriers to screening,” said Andrea Ferris, President and CEO of LUNGeVity Foundation. “We are grateful to Representatives Castor, Fitzpatrick, and Wasserman Schultz for their leadership on this legislation, which would improve awareness of and access to lung cancer screening.”

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 227,000 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2025, while more than 124,000 will die of the disease. For many lung cancer patients, early detection can mean better treatment options and a better prognosis, with 65% surviving five or more years when caught early. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends lung cancer screening using low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) for individuals aged 50-80 with a 20 pack-year smoking history and who currently smoke or quit smoking in the last 15 years.

LUNGeVity is committed to increasing awareness of and access to lung cancer screening through educational campaigns, screening programs, and policy interventions. We look forward to working with our congressional champions, grassroots advocates, and partner organizations to advance this legislation.