



March 26, 2008

The Honorable Deborah Pryce
204 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pryce:

The Prevent Cancer Foundation (formerly the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation) thanks you for your leadership in ensuring access to quality cancer care to all men and women, and for your efforts to ensure that basic and clinical research in oncology are fully supported.

Specifically, the Foundation is writing in support of H.R.2676, the Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act of 2007. The bill amends amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans to provide coverage for individuals participating in approved cancer clinical trials.

Ensuring that men and women are guaranteed coverage through their group and private health insurance plans will have two critical benefits. First, it will remove the cost barrier for individuals whose best option in cancer prevention or treatment may be a clinical trial. Second, by removing a major barrier to participation in clinical trials, accrual within clinical studies should improve, thus improving the ability of clinical oncologists to conduct research that could lead to development of more effective standard treatment protocols, benefiting countless numbers of cancer patients in our improved ability to prevent, screen, and treat cancer.

We look forward to working with you towards passage of this legislation, and again, thank you for your leadership on this and other issues in cancer prevention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lisa Hughes
Senior Director, Policy and Advocacy