



**The National Institutes of Health (NIH) & National Cancer Institute (NCI)**

The NCI and the NIH are at the leading edge of breakthrough medical research and around the world. The NCI, in particular, funds everything from basic science to clinical trials for new cancer therapies and prevention methods.

1. The goals of the NCI and NIH are to support research toward, better treatment options, more effective prevention methods and ultimately to find a cure for colorectal cancer. Why is research for better treatment options important to you?

2. The NIH and NCI use some of their funding to support clinical trials. Were you or someone you know involved in a clinical trial? Why are clinical trials important to you?

Example Talking Points: *I ask that you support \$46.111 billion for the NIH and \$7.609 billion for the NCI so that they can continue and expand their research to provide better treatment options, more effective prevention methods, and ultimately a cure for colorectal cancer. This is particularly important to me because more research would mean OR research allowed me to....[insert answers from above].*

**The Colorectal Cancer Research Program at the Department of Defense (DoD)**

The DoD funds high risk high reward research for a multitude of diseases, and while colorectal cancer is eligible, it does not have a dedicated research program in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP). That means every year, it has to compete with other cancers for funding. We want to change that by securing consistent funding and establishing a program dedicated to colorectal cancer.

1. DoD research programs focus on diseases that impact active duty and retired military personnel. Colorectal cancer has been increasing among young people - a key demographic of active duty military personnel. Were you or someone you know diagnosed with CRC at a young age (under 45)? Why is having research dedicated to early-age onset colorectal cancer important to you?

2. The CDMRP serves those in the military and their families, but also the greater American public. Were you or someone you know in the military?

Example Talking Points: *I ask that you support \$20 million to create a Colorectal Cancer Research Program within the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program. A growing number of young people are being diagnosed with colorectal cancer and we must do more. Lives are at stake. Increasing funding for colorectal cancer research is important to be because...*[insert answers from above]

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