

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ASK: Provide \$20 Million to Create a Colorectal Cancer Research Program within the Department of Defense (DoD)

- For roughly the past 10 years, colorectal cancer has had to compete against several other cancers for a limited amount of research dollars (through the Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program).
- We are leaving good science on the table. Over the past two years, fewer than half of the projects deemed “highly meritorious” were funded.
- By 2030, it is estimated that colorectal cancer will be the number one cause of cancer death for people ages 20-49 – a key demographic for active duty military – and we need to know why.
- It's time to make an investment to change these statistics and give colorectal cancer its own research program with a dedicated funding stream.

ASK: Provide \$70 Million for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP)

- Colorectal cancer is preventable if caught early and 1 in 3 Americans are not up to date with screening.
- The Colorectal Cancer Control Program works to increase colorectal cancer screening rates, particularly in under-served communities by working with health clinics to implement strategies that have been proven to work.
- We've seen results. Clinics that have participated in the program for four years have increased screening rates by an average of 12.3%.

ASK: Provide \$46.111 Billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and \$7.609 Billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI)

- Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for men and women combined. By the year 2030, it is estimated to be the number one cause of cancer deaths for people ages 20-49.
- Funding for colorectal cancer research at the NCI has not been consistent, which puts advances in treatment, screening, and survivorship in jeopardy.
- Research at the NIH and NCI has led to improved screening techniques and better treatment options.
- The NIH and NCI need increased and predictable federal investment to continue the development of new treatments and cures for colorectal cancer.

ASK: Join the Congressional Colorectal Cancer Caucus

- The Congressional Colorectal Cancer Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of Congress dedicated to raising awareness and advancing policy in support of the colorectal cancer community.
- It is co-chaired by Rep. Donald M. Payne, Jr., who lost his father to colorectal cancer and by Rep. Rodney Davis, whose wife is a colorectal cancer survivor.
- Raising awareness in Congress will help ensure colorectal cancer is a priority.