

Dear XXX

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to introduce myself, share my story and ask that you give favorable consideration to the Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act. I cannot stress enough how important this legislation is to me -- and thousands of others -- as it represents the first ray of hope for our community that Congress is now committed to advancing better outcomes for the entire lung cancer community.

The Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act declares lung cancer a national public health priority and requires a comprehensive and coordinated plan to address all aspects of the disease - prevention, detection and treatment - among lead agencies: DOD, HHS, and VA. The Act will help women who are at greater risk of dying from lung cancer than breast cancer, it will help all minorities who are at increased risk for lung cancer, it will help our military who are at a higher risk than the civilian population for lung cancer, and it will help the majority of those diagnosed today who are former smokers or those who never smoked at all.

Bottom line: No one deserves lung cancer, whether you smoked or not. And we cannot allow massive and tragic loss of life to continue for decades to come.

Endorsement of this legislation would shine a much needed bright light on this ignored and deeply stigmatized disease and go a long way toward helping educate more people, both elected leaders as well as the general public, to the fact that we can end lung cancer as we know it.

What additional information do you need? When can I expect follow-up from you on this? Either myself or Lung Cancer Alliance stand ready to answer any further questions you might have.

I am confident that together -- we will cure lung cancer!

Very best,

“Jane Doe, Survivor & Constituent, Chevy Chase, MD”