



October 20, 2020

The Honorable Brendan Boyle
1133 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for H.Res.1192, National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Dear Representative Boyle:

On behalf of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), I write to thank you for introducing H.Res.1192, expressing support for the goals of November National Lung Cancer Awareness Month and for the early detection of lung cancer.

As you know, lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer deaths among both men and women, making up almost 25 percent of all cancer deaths. The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be around 228,820 new cases of lung cancer this year, and 135,720 people will die from the disease. Oncology nurses are the health professionals involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and managing the associated side effects cancer patients may experience. Every day, we see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer and their families face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

ONS is a professional organization of over 39,000 registered nurses and other health care providers dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing. ONS members are a diverse group of professionals who represent a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and subspecialty practice areas. Oncology nurses are leaders in the health care arena, committed to continuous learning and leading the transformation of cancer care by advocating for high-quality care for people with cancer.

ONS stands ready to work with you and your staff to reduce and prevent suffering from cancer. We would be happy to discuss ways in which ONS may be of assistance in this endeavor and would encourage you to contact Alec Stone, Director of Public Affairs, at astone@ons.org. We look forward to engaging in an ongoing dialogue to address issues of importance to our cancer patients and ways in which we can promote public health.

Sincerely,

The Oncology Nursing Society