



May 21, 2021

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
2102 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support of H.Res.372, supporting the designation of May as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month"

Dear Representative Cartwright:

On behalf of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), I write to thank you for introducing H.Res.372, supporting the designation of May as "National Bladder Cancer Awareness Month."

As you know, the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 83,730 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with bladder cancer this year, and approximately 17,200 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.

Please know that ONS and its members very much appreciate your leadership in support of cancer awareness. We stand 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