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The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
326 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

### RE: Support for the National Prostate Cancer Council Act of 2015

Dear Senator Sessions and Senator Boxer:

I write on behalf of the American Urological Association (AUA) to thank you for the reintroduction of the National Prostate Cancer Council Act which would establish the National Prostate Cancer Council for improved screening and early detection tools. The bill would bring together federal agencies, medical and scientific experts, advocacy organizations, and cancer survivors to create a national plan to improve how prostate cancer is detected, diagnosed, and treated.

The AUA represents more than 20,000 urologists and urological professionals who have been transforming and improving urological care for over 100 years. Our mission is to promote the highest standards of urological clinical care through education, research and the formulation of health care policy.

The AUA strongly supports your legislation, which is aimed at developing and implementing a national strategy for the accelerated creation, advancement, and testing of diagnostic tools through the National Prostate Cancer Council. The bill is well aligned with the AUA's goals of improving prostate cancer screening and early detection.

Prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths among men in the United States and a significant health care problem due to its high incidence. It is estimated that in the U.S., there will be 220,800 new cases and 27,540 deaths from prostate cancer in 2015. Although one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, the odds increase to one in five if they are African American, and one in three if they have a family history.

Early detection strategies are crucial to saving the lives of these men, and ongoing research can improve prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. We thank you for your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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