July 29, 2015

RE: Support Senate Resolution Designating September 2015 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”

Dear Senator:

On behalf of patients and physicians, the undersigned member organizations of the Urology Policy Forum write to urge your support for passage of a resolution introduced by Senator Jeff Sessions designating September 2015 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.”

We strongly support this resolution which declares that steps should be taken to raise awareness about the importance of prostate cancer screening methods and treatments, to encourage prostate cancer research, and to improve access to and quality of health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer. It also calls for the nation to take an active role in the promotion of prostate cancer awareness and the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer.

We urge the Senate to secure passage of this important resolution prior to the upcoming congressional recess. 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. The National Cancer Institute estimates that 220,800 men will be diagnosed with, and more than 27,000 men will die of, prostate cancer. Although one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime, African American men suffer from a higher incidence rate and have double the prostate cancer mortality rate.

Educating people about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of these men, and ongoing research can improve prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. We applaud Senator Jeff Sessions and encourage you to join him in supporting this resolution to further prostate cancer awareness. To sign on as a cosponsor or for more information, please contact Mary Blanche Hankey at 202-224-4124 or via email at MaryBlanche_Hankey@sessions.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

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