

Talking Points:

As a colorectal cancer advocate I am asking you to demonstrate your commitment in the fight against cancer by supporting a substantial increase in the federal investment in cancer research.

- 186 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter in support of a 6.7% increase for NIH.
- Despite our progress, colorectal cancer will claim over 52,000 lives in 2007 alone and is currently the second leading cause of death by cancer.
- Cancer cost the economy \$206.3 billion in 2006 in direct medical costs and lost productivity.
- Failure to provide adequate funding will stall the next generation of breakthroughs for colorectal cancer patients. The bill proposed in the House would do just that.

“In order to win the war against cancer, we must fund the war against cancer.” (*George W. Bush – Remarks on Preventative Cancer Screenings, September 18, 2002*)