

# PanCAN ADVOCACY WEEK

MESSAGE TO DELIVER TO YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

ON NATIONAL CALL CONGRESS DAY



“My name is [*your name*], and I am calling from [*your town and state*] to urge [*Senator or Representative last name*] to prioritize funding for pancreatic cancer research. I’m calling as part of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network’s Advocacy Week!

*[Optional: Add your personal story about how you have been affected by pancreatic cancer.]*

I recognize that Congress is focused on the ongoing response to the worldwide pandemic. However, despite COVID-19, pancreatic cancer does not stop – your constituents are being diagnosed and dying every day.

Pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. and the five-year survival rate is only ten percent. There is no early detection method and few effective treatment options for patients. A continued and robust investment in federal research will accelerate progress and improve patient outcomes.

Pancreatic cancer patients are counting on you to work in a bipartisan manner to pass the Fiscal Year 21 appropriations bills.

I ask you to:

- Support \$10 million for the dedicated Pancreatic Cancer Research Program at the Department of Defense; and
- Support \$44.7 billion for the National Institutes of Health, including \$6.9 billion for the National Cancer Institute.

Thank you for your time and consideration.”