Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second-leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. among men and women combined. It’s estimated that there will be 140,250 cases and 50,630 deaths in 2018. One in 20 people will be diagnosed in their lifetime. Currently there is no cure for CRC that has spread to other organs (late stage); however, CRC can be prevented with screening and if detected in early stages, most patients can be cured by surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

Fight Colorectal Cancer is the leading advocacy voice for over 1.2 million colorectal cancer survivors. We ensure the fight against colorectal cancer is a priority among our Congressional leaders. As a community, we stand united fighting for prevention services, access to care and research funding.

We need your support for the following legislative priorities:

**Remove Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening**
- Correct a loophole in current Medicare policy requiring Medicare beneficiaries to pay co-insurance if polyps are detected and removed during a screening colonoscopy (H.R. 1017 / S. 479).
- Protect 100% insurance coverage for CRC screening in any Affordable Care Act (ACA) replacement or reform legislation.
- Appropriate $70 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) to provide states with the necessary funding to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in all 50 states.

**Invest in Colorectal Cancer Research**
- Increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to $38 billion, including $6 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- Continue supporting the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) and fund the DoD Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) at $60 million for FY 2019. Ensure CRC research continues to be included as eligible for funding under this program.

**Protect the Best Interest of Patients**
- Protect the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) ban on pre-existing condition limitations, elimination of annual and lifetime coverage caps, expansion of Medicaid, coverage of essential health benefits, and maintain coverage of screening services and guaranteed renewability.

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