QUICK FACTS

• 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 145,600 new cases and 51,020 deaths from CRC in 2019.

• 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.

• Over 30 million Americans (50-75 years of age) have not been screened for colorectal cancer.

SUMMARY OF OUR ASKS

■ Cosponsor (H.R. _____/S. _____) the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act which would correct a loophole in current Medicare policy requiring Medicare beneficiaries to pay co-insurance if polyps are detected and removed during a screening colonoscopy.

■ Appropriate $70 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) to provide all 50 states with the necessary funding to increase colorectal cancer screening rates.

■ Increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to $41 billion, including $6.5 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in FY 2020.

■ Fund the Department of Defense (DoD) Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) at $60 million for FY 2020 and ensure CRC research continues to be included as eligible for funding under this program.

■ Support report language in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill to encourage the NCI to research why the incidence rate of colorectal cancer is increasing in the early-age onset population.

Fight Colorectal Cancer is the leading advocacy voice for over one 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.

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