



ACS CAN: The POWER of ADVOCACY

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, is holding lawmakers accountable for their words and their actions. Here's how ACS CAN is winning the fight in New York and across the nation:

The Biggest Cancer Research Funding Increase in a Decade

This year, Congress passed the **largest budget increase for cancer research in more than a decade – \$264 million**. This new funding will play a pivotal role in our ability to discover new cures and find new ways to prevent and treat cancer.

A Cancer Cure “Moonshot”

This year, President Obama announced plans to launch the National Cancer Moonshot, which calls for **\$1 billion in specific cancer prevention and research initiatives**. The Moonshot provides hope to the nearly 1.7 million Americans who will be diagnosed this year and the nearly 14.5 million cancer survivors in this country that we are mustering the full resources of our nation to impact the cancer burden.

A Historic Cancer Prevention Commitment by New York State

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced a \$91 million comprehensive statewide plan to increase rates of breast cancer screening, help women access the treatment they need, and educate thousands of men about the risks associated with prostate cancer. The proposal includes investments in mobile mammography, health care navigators, a public awareness campaign, and a multi-million dollar commitment to funding innovative cancer research.

Standing Up for Patients and Their Families

ACS CAN volunteers are watchdogs against cuts to critical cancer programs. New York volunteers have played a crucial role in protecting state funding for cancer screenings for the uninsured and blocking efforts to cut tobacco control funding.

Protecting New Yorkers from Secondhand Smoke

ACS CAN successfully lobbied New York lawmakers to pass the landmark Clean Indoor Air Act, which bans smoking in indoor workplaces. This law has protected millions of New Yorkers from daily exposure to deadly secondhand smoke.

How do ACS CAN Volunteers Make a Difference?

- ✓ Meet with their elected officials at the federal, state, and local level
- ✓ Respond to action alerts by making phone calls and sending emails when needed
- ✓ Hold elected officials accountable for their actions and votes
- ✓ Recruit new ACS CAN volunteers and engage others in advocacy activities

JOIN ACS CAN TODAY!

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