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Dear Senator/Representative:

On behalf of the American Lung Association's federal advocacy team, welcome to the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress! Founded in 1904, the Lung Association works to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. We are proud to be a trusted champion for the 35 million people living with lung disease.

Our work to achieve our mission is built on three pillars – education, research and advocacy. We educate the public about lung health threats and how to identify and treat lung disease using the latest science. We fund groundbreaking research to improve the quality of life for anyone who breathes. And we advocate for innovative and protective policies to create a world free of lung disease.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you on policies that keep lungs healthy. Below you can find more information on our four areas of focus in our federal advocacy work and the appropriate staff contact. For more detailed information on the Lung Association's priorities for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, please visit [lung.org/policy-advocacy/federal-action-plan](https://www.lung.org/policy-advocacy/federal-action-plan).

- **Protect and expand access to quality and affordable healthcare:** Everyone needs affordable, accessible and adequate healthcare. We strongly support policies making healthcare more affordable and ensuring coverage includes the comprehensive benefits needed to prevent, manage and treat chronic lung diseases, like asthma, COPD, lung cancer and pulmonary fibrosis. Contact Erika at [Erika.Sward@lung.org](mailto:Erika.Sward@lung.org).
- **Champion clean air for all.** Clean air is essential for healthy lungs, but too many communities are increasingly at risk from breathing in dangerous pollutants like soot, nitrogen oxides and air toxics. We strongly support policies that clean up dirty sources of pollution and protect everyone's right to breathe clean air. Contact Liz at [Liz.Scott@lung.org](mailto:Liz.Scott@lung.org)
- **Improve lung health and reduce the burden of chronic lung disease.** Chronic lung diseases, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer, are among the top causes of death and disability in the U.S. We support bolstering federal investments in public health, advancements in research and development, and public education to reduce the burden of lung disease and help prevent future diagnoses. Contact Ranjana at [Ranjana.Caple@lung.org](mailto:Ranjana.Caple@lung.org).
- **Create a tobacco-free future.** Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the U.S., with vaping driving high youth tobacco use and underserved communities facing disproportionate impacts. We strongly support federal oversight over all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, and funding for programs that reduce the use of tobacco, reduce chronic disease and save lives. Contact Erika at [Erika.Sward@lung.org](mailto:Erika.Sward@lung.org) and Ranjana at [Ranjana.Caple@lung.org](mailto:Ranjana.Caple@lung.org).

We look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress to improve lung health.

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