

## **Write Your Elected Officials**

Write your state and local elected representatives.

Tell them you want lung cancer in women moved to the top of their health agenda.

**SAMPLE LETTER** 

May 9, 2019

The Honorable John Adams United States Senate 400 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20515



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Dear Senator Adams: [or Representative for House]

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My name is Jane Doe. I am a case manager at the Health Matters Clinic in Any town, USA. I encourage you to cosponsor *Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2021 (S. 699/ H.R.1800)*. This important legislation is in response to evidence that lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women, and a higher rate of lung cancer for women who were never smokers compared to men.

According to the American Cancer Society, in the United States, approximately 171 women die each day of lung cancer. An estimated 62,470 women will die of lung cancer in 2021.

The Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2021 creates an Interagency review to evaluate and identify opportunities for the acceleration of research on women and lung cancer, greater access to preventative service, and strategic public awareness and education campaigns.

Additional research strategies, including clinical trials, are necessary to explore the differences in lung cancer risk factors, incidence, and treatment response in women, and to address the disparate impact of lung cancer on women who have never smoked.

Every day we witness the effects of lung cancer in women in our community. I have lost my aunt due to lung cancer. It was devastating to our family. It is imperative that we increase research to increase the longevity of women living with lung cancer.

We urge you to make lung cancer and lung cancer research a leading health priority in Congress by funding cancer research, prevention, and awareness activities. Please support *Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2021 (S. 699/ H.R.1800).* 

Thank you for your time and your continued dedication to the people of Any Town and our health.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe Street address City, State, Zip Code Email or phone number