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***COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING POLICY WORKGROUP STATEMENT AHEAD OF
SCOTUS APRIL 21, 2025 ORAL ARGUMENTS IN BRAIDWOOD V. KENNEDY***

38 Organizations United to Protect Access to Lifesaving Cancer Screenings

As the Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments that could reshape the future of no-cost preventive services in the U.S., 38 leading patient advocacy groups and healthcare organizations stand united in urging the Court to uphold these critical protections, warning that eliminating them would have devastating consequences for access to colorectal cancer and other crucial screenings, and the health of millions of Americans.

This potential rollback of guaranteed, no-cost access to preventive services threatens to undermine the progress we have made in increasing colorectal cancer screening rates and reducing colorectal cancer incidence and mortality, representing a serious setback for public health.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, with rates currently rising in younger adults. Americans have been provided with no-cost screening for colorectal cancer for more than 15 years, and it has proven to be a lifesaving tool to reduce incidence, lower mortality, and for some, prevent cancer altogether.

If Americans were to lose these time-proven protections, the consequences would result in:

- An increase in later-stage colorectal cancer diagnoses, leading to higher treatment costs
- An increase in preventable deaths
- Greater financial burdens on patients, families and society
- An increase in federal and state healthcare costs

Our coalition of patient advocacy, medical, research, public health, and business leaders urges the Court to uphold these critical protections for preventive screening.

We stand together in asking policymakers, the courts, and health leaders to protect access to preventive services.

Screening saves lives. We stand together, united that this life-saving coverage must not be eliminated.

Signed by the Colorectal Cancer Screening Policy Workgroup, including:

AliveandKick'n

American Cancer Society

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Gastroenterology

American Gastroenterological Association

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons

AMSURG

Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists

Big Mike's Bottom Line

Braintree Laboratories, Inc.

California Colorectal Cancer Coalition

Cheeky Charity

Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancer

Colon Cancer Alliance for Research and Education for Lynch Syndrome

Colon Cancer Coalition | Get Your Rear in Gear

Colon Cancer Prevention Project

Colon Cancer Stars

Colorectal Cancer Alliance

Exact Sciences

Fight Colorectal Cancer

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

Freenome

Geneoscopy

Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education

GH Foundation

GI Cancers Alliance

Guardant Health

Hitting Cancer Below the Belt

Man Up to Cancer

Nevada Cancer Coalition

PALTOWN Development Foundation

Prevent Cancer Foundation

Quality Health Associates of North Dakota

Raymond Foundation

The Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation

United Ostomy Associations of America

Worldclass