

# CANCER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A PATIENT-CENTERED FORUM OF NATIONAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS  
ADDRESSING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES IN CANCER

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Robert M. Califf, MD  
Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

Dear Dr. Califf:

The undersigned organizations representing cancer patients, health care professionals, researchers, and caregivers are writing to offer our congratulations on your confirmation as Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

Your steady leadership is critical at this moment when the nation is still addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our health and welfare and as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completes other vital work following the most rigorous regulatory standards.

Our community has enjoyed a productive relationship with FDA, including participation in patient-focused drug development meetings and other patient-centered efforts; discussion regarding real-world evidence and its use in FDA decisions; and collaboration on clinical trials issues, including design and enrollment standards. We have found FDA open and respectful of our views on the work of the agency and our advice regarding the needs of cancer patients, clinical researchers, and health care professionals. We look forward to continued constructive communication with the agency as you take the helm.

Sincerely,

## **Cancer Leadership Council**

Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association of Oncology Social Work  
*CancerCare*  
Cancer Support Community  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
LUNgevity Foundation  
Lymphoma Research Foundation

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Susan G. Komen