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The Honorable Debbie Schultz Ranking Member Congressional Cancer Survivors Caucus Committee on Appropriations 270 Cannon Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick Ranking Member Subcommittee on Health Committee on Ways and Means 271 Cannon Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier Ranking Member Subcommittee on Health Committee on Education and the Workforce 503 Cannon Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Brain Fitzpatrick, and Mark DeSaulnier:

GO2 for Lung Cancer is an organization dedicated to relentlessly confronting lung cancer on every front, every day, for everyone. Founded by patients and survivors, we are dedicated to increasing survival for those at risk, diagnosed, and living with lung cancer. I am writing to provide our endorsement for the Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act. This legislation would address gaps in survivorship care and formulate standards to improve the quality of care and navigation for cancer survivors. We greatly appreciate your work on this issue and hope GO2 for Lung Cancer can be of assistance in furthering the passage of this legislation.

Lung Cancer is commonly treated with surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy. These treatments can lead to long-term effects (those that continue after treatment) or late side effects (those that occur months to years after treatment). Studies have found that patients with lung cancer experience higher levels of cancer-related distress as a result of anxiety, fear of recurrence, the stigma associated with the diagnosis, survivor guilt, physical disability, and financial concerns. Given the range of concerns and late effects that survivors of lung cancer may face, the Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act can provide much-needed guidance and support.

Your efforts to provide a lifeline to survivors and their families by addressing the entire survivorship continuum of care for this deadly disease is an important step in improving comprehensive cancer care.

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE 2033 K Street NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20006 202.463.2080 Thank you again for introducing the Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act. If you have any questions or require more assistance regarding this legislation, please contact Elridge Proctor, Senior Director, Government Affairs at GO2 for Lung Cancer (202-669-5547, eproctor@go2.org).

With sincere regards,

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