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The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building,  
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Dear Chairwoman Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

On May 19, 2022, Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) re-introduced S. 4260, the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA). As the Co-Founder, President, and CEO of GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, I am writing as a [supporter](#) to follow up with you on PCHETA.

Founded by patients and survivors, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer is the world's leading organization dedicated to saving, extending, and improving the lives of those vulnerable, at risk, and diagnosed with lung cancer. We work to change the reality of living with lung cancer by ending stigma, increasing public and private research funding, and ensuring access to care.

Palliative care is an interdisciplinary model of care focused on relief of the pain, stress, and other debilitating symptoms of serious illnesses, such as cancers, to relieve suffering and provide the best possible quality of life for patients and their families. Palliative care, combined with curative treatments for people living with serious and complex illnesses, enhances their quality of life and recovery. Palliative care also complements the management of terminal disease with non-curative therapies and hospice care.

The legislation, PCHETA, would increase federal research funding for palliative care, including pain and symptom management, and establish palliative care education and training programs for doctors, nurses, and other health professionals. This legislation would also provide for information dissemination to educate patients and providers about the availability and benefits of palliative care.

Due to a high symptom and treatment side effect burden, lung cancer patients may experience higher rates of pain and have greater unmet physical and psychosocial needs than those diagnosed with other types of cancer and may benefit more from palliative care. These issues are compounded by a system of fragmented care and communication issues with health care providers, resulting in enormous strains on patients, their caregivers, and other loved ones. Numerous studies demonstrate that adding palliative care to the treatment of lung cancer can result in better symptom and side effect control and increase the quality of life for the patient and their loved ones.

GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer strongly supports and advocates for palliative care early in the disease, concurrent with active treatment to achieve better outcomes and improved quality of life for our community of patients, survivors, and caregivers. By its very nature, palliative care is patient-centered care — translating patient goals to appropriate treatments. Moreover, palliative care has been shown to extend survival with a high quality of life.

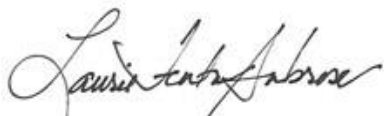
Last Congress, PCHETA passed the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously with nearly 300 bipartisan cosponsors and garnered 50 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate. Please cosponsor and work with your colleagues to pass PCHETA this Congress.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration. To cosponsor the bill, please contact Senator Baldwin or Capito's Office. You may also contact my staff member, Elridge Proctor, Senior Director, Government Affairs at [Eproctor@go2foundation.org](mailto:Eproctor@go2foundation.org) with any questions or for more information.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurie Fenton Ambrose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laurie" being the most prominent.

Laurie Fenton Ambrose  
Co-Founder, President & CEO  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer