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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
The Energy and Commerce Committee
2107 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Health
The Energy and Commerce Committee
272 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Representative Eshoo:

On behalf of the Cancer Early Detection Alliance (CEDA), thank you for your commitment to improving access to early cancer screening technologies and for your request for more information from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) on improving their timeliness and transparency.

CEDA consists of national organizations representing a diverse group of stakeholders, including patient advocacy organizations, healthcare professional societies, and industry leaders, all with significant expertise in cancer care and early detection. CEDA's mission is to promote and expand access to quality, equitable early cancer detection and care, with a specific focus on reaching underserved communities and addressing racial and ethnic disparities.

As you note in your [July 13 letter](#), COVID-19 has significantly impacted early cancer detection, with fewer Americans getting necessary screenings. There is an opportunity, which is needed now more than ever, to support new cancer screening technologies and modalities, as well as help to identify cancer at an earlier stage.

Overseen by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), USPSTF serves a critically important function – to make evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services that often result in coverage and greater access to screenings. For early detection of cancer, the importance of USPSTF cannot be overstated. However, USPSTF's review process can be slow, often failing to meet the five-year review timeline as mandated under current law, let alone keeping up with research and technological advancements. Furthermore, the USPSTF process could be improved with greater transparency and more stakeholder input.

CEDA applauds your leadership in USPSTF oversight and commits to working with you to remove barriers in the USPSTF review process. With more timely review, increased transparency, and stakeholder input, USPSTF's actions will ultimately result in fewer lives lost to cancer and other preventable diseases, especially for underserved populations.

Sincerely,
CEDA

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Freenome ◆ Guardant Health ◆ Prevent Cancer Foundation ◆ ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer