



August 1, 2007

The Honorable Jo Bonner
U.S. House of Representatives
422 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0101

Dear Representative Bonner:

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) respectfully urges you to vote in favor of H.R. 3162, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act. This legislation will be scored by the LAF as a key vote for people affected by cancer.

The LAF unites people to fight cancer. We engage the public at large to pursue an agenda focused on preventing cancer, ensuring access to screening and care, improving the quality of life and survivorship for people affected by cancer, and investing in needed research.

H.R. 3162 will expand access to health coverage for an additional five million children who currently lack insurance. In order to help fund this expansion of coverage, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act increases the current federal excise tax on cigarettes by 45 cents a pack. Not only is increasing health care coverage for children critical in the fight against cancer, but so too is increasing the tax on tobacco. Research indicates that raising the cost of cigarettes is an effective way to decrease youth smoking, which in turn will reduce cancer incidence and save health care dollars.

Children who lack insurance have higher cancer mortality rates than those who have insurance and therefore better access to care. A vote in favor of H.R. 3162 is a vote in support of people affected by cancer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lance Armstrong
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Ulman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Doug Ulman
President

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