

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Todd Young
400 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Cantwell and Senator Young,

On behalf of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA), I'd like to thank you for your ongoing efforts to pass the Lymphedema Treatment Act (S.518).

SCCA—along with its partner organizations the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle Children's Hospital, and University of Washington Medicine—is an NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center that provides patients with access to cutting-edge cancer treatment and the latest innovations in cancer care. Our consortium of organizations drives some of the best clinical outcomes in the region and in the country and is making pioneering changes in how cancer is treated—extending lives and even finding cures.

Lymphedema—a condition that results in swelling—often occurs as a result of cancer treatment, which may cause damage to lymph nodes and lymph vessels. Lymphedema can be painful and debilitating for patients. Compression garments offer a simple yet critical treatment for lymphedema, but currently they are not covered by Medicare. This legislation would play a critical role in expanding access to these garments, improving the lives of the patients we treat and those all over the country.

SCCA joins the Lymphedema Advocacy Group and other cancer hospitals in supporting the Lymphedema Treatment Act. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and offer our support for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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