

Washington, DC—On Friday, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) met with uterine cancer survivor, women’s health advocate and television star Fran Drescher to discuss women’s health and gynecological screenings. Israel, who serves as Co-Chair of the House Cancer Caucus, authored and passed a resolution promoting early screening technologies to detect and diagnose ovarian cancer.

“Fran and I share the belief that when it comes to women’s health, investments in prevention and screening save lives,” said Congressman Israel. “Thousands of Long Island women battle gynecological cancer each year and early detection is key. As Co-Chair of the House Cancer Caucus, I look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Drescher to ensure that women have access to comprehensive screenings to detect gynecological cancers and catch them in early phases.”

Fran Drescher was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2000, but caught it early in Stage 1 and was prevented from undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. Since her diagnosis, Ms. Drescher has been a tireless advocate for women’s health and worked toward passing Johanna’s Law: The Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act in 2006. She is author of the 2002 book *Cancer Schmancer*, which details her diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

The House Cancer Caucus is a group of over one hundred House members committed to improving U.S. policy on research, treatment and eradication of cancer deaths and illness.