

Dear Friend,

Last week I had the privilege of meeting with a group of advocates from Susan G. Komen for the Cure. They were visiting Washington to discuss increased funding for breast cancer research.

As the co-chair of the House Cancer Caucus, I know how critical early detection is and I share the group's belief in the clear link between investments in research and reduced cancer mortality. The government must make a robust commitment to funding both research and prevention. Last year, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I helped to secure \$31.3 billion for the National Institute of Health (NIH) to continue their cancer research efforts. I also wrote and introduced legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from dropping a cancer patient's routine care coverage for participating in a clinical trial. A similar provision to my legislation was included in the health insurance reform law.

Please click here (http://www.israel.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=856&Itemid=119) to watch my speech to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Rally last week. And for more information on my work fighting for cancer patients, please visit <http://israel.house.gov>.

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress