## Paying With Our Lives







Cancer doesn't care how you vote, where you live, or what you earn. It's a ruthless enemy—and science has always been our best weapon. Government-funded research has helped prevent over 4 million<sup>1</sup> cancer deaths in the last 30 years. But massive funding cuts are erasing decades of progress.

Every

\$326

the government spends



extends a human life

by 1 year.

#### BEFORE 2025



#### Years of steady, hardfought progress expanding patient options

- First rare cancer clinical trials
- Growing availability of rare cancer research tools—cell lines, mouse models, and tissue repositories
- New treatment pathways
- Hope



# Progress dismantled, funding gutted, options disappearing

 57% cut from Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP);
 \$185M (31%) from cancer alone<sup>3</sup>

**TODAY** 

- Hundreds of cancer-related grants terminated
- 1 in 4 cancer researchers report facing delays/cancellations; half report colleagues leaving the field<sup>4</sup>

1 in 4 cancers is considered rare<sup>5</sup>



There are 200+
rare cancer types<sup>6</sup>



no established standard of care



"Medical research and clinical trials are the reason I am alive today. They gave science the chance to catch up with my rare melanoma before it was too late. We can't afford to go backwards. Researchers must be allowed to continue their critical work so we can all have effective treatments and a chance to live."

- Katie Doble, Ocular Melanoma Survivor

Savings don't matter if no lives are saved.

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