

June 5, 2023

The Honorable Kathy Castor
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The Honorable Julia Letlow
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The Honorable Kim Schrier
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Castor, Letlow, and Schrier:

On behalf of the 159,000 members of the American Dental Association (ADA), we are writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 3633, the Promoting Resources to Expand Vaccination, Education, and New Treatments for HPV Cancers Act, or the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act. The ADA supports increasing awareness of HPV and its vaccine, and believes that dentists play a key role in HPV cancer prevention.

HPV can affect the mouth and throat, causing certain head and neck cancers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus is associated with 14,800 cases of head and neck cancer each year in the United States. The administration of the HPV vaccine is a safe and effective way to reduce the risk of these cancers.

The PREVENT HPV Cancers Act would establish a national public awareness campaign on HPV vaccination. The campaign would disseminate vaccination information and communication resources to health care providers, including dentists. Dentists could then use this information to educate their patients on the benefits of HPV vaccination.

Thank you again for introducing H.R. 3633. The ADA greatly appreciates your leadership on this important issue, and would welcome the opportunity to partner with your offices and the CDC on informing the public about HPV vaccination. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hales at halesn@ada.org.

Sincerely,

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