

December 10, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the 162,000 members of the American Dental Association (ADA), we are writing to ask you to bring H.R. 1550, the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act, to the floor for a vote. The ADA strongly supports this legislation that passed the House of Representatives by voice vote on November 30.

The ADA believes in the importance of increasing awareness of HPV and of educating the public on the need for HPV immunization. The administration of the HPV vaccine is a safe and effective way to reduce the risk of HPV-related cancers, including certain head and neck cancers. HPV is now associated with more than 19,000 cases of head and neck cancer each year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).<sup>1</sup>

H.R. 1550 would provide the national public awareness needed to help Americans safeguard their oral health against cancers of the mouth, throat, and tonsils. The ADA is proud to support H.R. 1550 and would welcome the opportunity to work with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on the public service awareness campaign that would be authorized under the bill.

We urge you to bring the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act up for a vote. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hales with any questions at [halesn@ada.org](mailto:halesn@ada.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/statistics/cases.htm>