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Dear Speaker Johnson,

As the CEO of the Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP), I am writing at a pivotal moment to urge inclusion of the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) Screening Coverage Act (H.R.842), also known as the Sewell Act, in the final year-end healthcare package. With unprecedented bipartisan support and Congress nearing the finish line, action now would redefine cancer detection and bring life-saving innovation within reach for millions of Americans. Patients and families across the country are counting on your leadership.

The Sewell Act would be instrumental in expanding access to critical cancer screening tests for seniors across the country by ensuring Medicare coverage of FDA-approved MCED tests. As an organization focused on women's preventive health, we recognize the value of early detection in improving health outcomes for communities across the country, and believe that the expansion of access to MCED tests will have a tremendous impact in catching cancer for many women in its earliest, most treatable stage.

Consider these examples of the importance of early detection:

- While breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, early detection significantly improves outcomes. In fact, the [5-year survival rate after stage 1 breast cancer diagnosis is 99%](#), underscoring the life-saving potential of early screening.
- Detecting cancer before symptoms arise can [reduce the need for more invasive treatments](#) in addition to [costs associated with treatment at later stages](#).

As such, AWHP is proud to be an advocate for the passage of the Sewell Act in the 119th Congress. The broad, bipartisan support for the bill — which has over 330 co-sponsors in the House and 65 co-sponsors in the Senate — indicates that the time is now to pass this critical, life-saving legislation.

We strongly urge you to pass the year-end package that would bring early detection to countless patients nationwide — transforming cancer care and saving lives.

Respectfully,
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CEO, Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP)