

## 2022 New Hampshire Legislative Priorities



Victory in the fight against cancer requires bold new public policies that promote prevention and early detection of cancer, increase research, and expand access to quality, affordable health care. Lawmakers make many decisions that impact the lives of New Hampshire residents touched by cancer and their leadership is vital to defeating this disease. In 2022, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) will work with Governor Sununu and the New Hampshire Legislature in support of the following priorities:

## **Cancer Early Detection and Treatment**

 Access to life saving vaccines: ACS CAN will advocate to preserve funding for the Let No Woman Be Overlooked program, which provides breast and cervical cancer screenings to low-income women age 18 – 64 who are uninsured or underinsured. As well as advocating for access to life saving vaccinations that prevent cervical cancer by defeating legislation that would limit access or preempt local school districts from requiring vaccinations.

## Reducing the Toll of Tobacco

- **Tobacco Tax Parity:** ACS CAN will defend against rollbacks to any tobacco taxes including working to stop legislation that would reduce taxes on so called "modified risk" tobacco products. New Hampshire should be looking at ways to save lives and health care costs from tobacco use by helping adults quit and keeping youth from starting instead of considering reducing taxes on any tobacco products.
- Licensing and surveillance: ACS CAN will advocate to increase the licensing fee for standalone electronic cigarette shops to mirror the fee structure for beer and wine retailers and traditional tobacco retailers. ACSCAN will also work to defeat legislation that would eliminate the Department of Liquor Enforcement as they are the agency that works to enforce laws established to keep our children safe from tobacco.

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ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.

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