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Statement for the Record

United States Senate on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee

Markup of S. 1157, the Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2025

Dear Chairman Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders:

The American Lung Association appreciates the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee's consideration of the *Women and Lung Cancer and Preventive Services Act of 2025* and is pleased to submit this statement for the record.

Lung cancer remains the [leading cause](#) of cancer death in the United States. While tobacco use continues to be the primary risk factor, anyone with lungs can get lung cancer. Improving outcomes requires a comprehensive approach that strengthens research, prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment.

S. 1157 directs the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to review federal programs, activities and strategic plans related to lung cancer research, prevention, diagnosis and treatment. By promoting coordination across federal agencies, the bill helps identify knowledge gaps, assess the effectiveness of existing efforts and highlight opportunities to improve health outcomes.

The Lung Association supports the bill's focus on improving lung cancer screening rates among populations recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Early detection through evidence-based screening remains the most effective way to reduce lung cancer mortality. Evaluating current public health strategies and identifying evidence-based approaches to increase screening uptake are critical steps toward ensuring that eligible individuals are screened and diagnosed earlier, when treatment is more effective.

The American Lung Association supports a coordinated, evidence-based federal response to lung cancer – one that advances research, improves prevention and early detection, and addresses gaps that contribute to unequal outcomes. We urge the Committee to advance this legislation and look forward to working with Congress to see this bill enacted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Harold P. Wimmer'.

Harold P. Wimmer
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