



TAKE FIVE FOR IMPACT

URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO PROTECT IMPACT

The California Prostate Cancer Coalition and Friends of IMPACT have just learned that funding for the IMPACT Program will be decided in a legislative Conference Committee. The members of the Conference Committee need to know how important this Program is to the men it serves. The only way this can happen is through your phone calls, faxes, and letters. We need the Committee to ensure that Program funding is maintained at its current level. If the Program must take a budget cut the Committee should cut no more than the 10% recommended by the Governor. IMPACT is truly a Program of last resort for low-income, uninsured men with prostate cancer. The men served by this Program need you to be their voice. Help ensure that they continue to have a means to receive life-saving treatment for their prostate cancer. Towards this end the CPCC and Friends of IMPACT are asking for your continued support through the following actions:

ACTION NEEDED	NAME	TELEPHONE	FAX
Telephone calls Faxes Letters	LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS – make final recommendation on Program funding. This committee has the ability to keep IMPACT’s full funding, cut the Program more than the Governor’s recommended 10%, or give the Program more funding.		
	Assembly member Roger Niello	(916) 319-2005	(916) 349-1999
	Assembly member John Laird	(916) 319-2027	(916) 319-2127
	Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny	(916) 651-4040	(916) 327-3522
	Senator Bob Dutton	(916) 651-4031	(916) 327-2272
GOAL: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE IMPACT PROGRAM.			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain why you are calling – “I understand LEGISLATOR is on the Conference Committee. I am calling to urge LEGISLATOR to support the IMPACT Program.” 2. Take a minute to explain why IMPACT is important (e.g. serves uninsured low income men with prostate cancer who do not qualify for other state or federal health care programs like MediCal). 3. Urge LEGISLATOR to support men with prostate cancer by maintaining funding for IMPACT at its current level. 			
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	Darrell Steinberg, Senate President	(916) 651-4006	(916) 323-2263
	Don Perata, Senate President Pro Tem	(916) 651-4009	(916) 319-2147
	Karen Bass, Speaker of the Assembly	(916) 319-2047	(916) 319-2147
	Fabian Nunez, Assembly Speaker Emeritus	(916) 319-2046	
GOAL: LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE IMPACT PROGRAM.			
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SAMPLE LETTER/FAX

Dear LEGISLATOR:

I am urging you to fully fund the IMPACT Program. IMPACT is the program of last resort for uninsured, low-income men with prostate cancer. Men in IMPACT:

- **DON'T** qualify for federal, state or county health insurance programs
- **CANNOT** afford to purchase health insurance
- **CANNOT** pay for prostate cancer treatment out-of-pocket
- These men have **NO OTHER MEANS** of obtaining prostate cancer treatment.

Sincerely,

NAME
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