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The Honorable Brian Bilbray
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Bilbray and Representative Maloney:

I am pleased to report that the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the nonprofit advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports your legislation, the Melanoma Research Act of 2012.

As you know, skin cancer is by far the most common of all cancers. The incidence of melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, has been increasing for at least thirty years in the United States. Although melanoma accounts for fewer than five percent of skin cancer cases, it causes a large majority of skin cancer deaths. Melanoma is expected to be diagnosed in about 76,250 persons and is predicted to account for nearly 9,200 deaths this year.

Thank you for your leadership in the fight against cancer, we look forward to working with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff associate Sarah Bogdan at sarah.bogdan@cancer.org or (202) 585-3211.

Sincerely,

Christopher W. Hansen
President