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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: American Medical Women's Association Supports [PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1550\)](#)

December 15, 2021

Dear Senators,

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) supports national and international efforts to eliminate cervical and other HPV-related cancers. AMWA recognizes the need for increased vaccination to prevent HPV-related cancers and supports the PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021.

Cervical, anal and other cancers stemming from Human papillomavirus (HPV) are preventable. According to the [CDC](#), about 85% of people will have HPV infection in their lifetime. In addition, HPV infections cause more than [35,900 cancers](#) annually in the United States. Although cervical cancer is the most prevalent HPV-related malignancy, persistent HPV infection is responsible for the majority of oropharyngeal, anal, vaginal, vulvar, and penile cancers. With routine vaccination, however, all children, male and female, can be protected from the risks associated with HPV infection.

Mitigating HPV-related cancer includes HPV vaccination, screening and treating precancerous lesions, and diagnosis and treatment of invasive cancer. The [PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1550\)](#) supports efforts to increase HPV vaccination rates and otherwise prevent and treat cervical cancer and other cancers associated with HPV. Specifically, H.R. 1550 will increase the efforts of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate the public about HPV vaccinations, increase funding for state immunization information systems, and support programs that supply access to screening and diagnostic services to uninsured and other underserved individuals. AMWA supports preventive measures that keep the community safe and healthy.

AMWA asks that you pass H.R. 1550.

Sincerely,

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