

July 13, 2009

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
United States House of Representatives  
2136 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
Via Fax: 202-225-3002

**RE: HR 2952- Support**

Dear Representative Norton,

We are writing on behalf of the Disability Rights Legal Center to thank you for sponsoring the Medicaid Prostate Cancer Coverage Act of 2009 (HR 2952), which would amend the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain men screened and found to have prostate cancer through a federally funded screening program.

By way of introduction, the Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) has worked to implement the civil rights of people with disabilities for over 30 years. We are the oldest cross-disability legal advocacy organization in the country. Our mission is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public interest in, and awareness of, those rights by providing legal and related services.

The CLRC, a national, joint program of the DLRC and Loyola Law School, has provided over 90,000 people with free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues, including access to care, insurance, government benefits, estate planning, and employment. Please visit [www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org](http://www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org) for more information.

We have a special understanding of the pressing needs of people diagnosed with cancer, critical cancer survivorship issues, and the importance of access to high quality clinical trials. The DRLC strongly supports the Medicaid Prostate Cancer Coverage Act, and we appreciate your dedication in the fight to expand high quality health care. We look forward to working with you to ensure the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,



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