SEIZING TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCELERATE CANCER RESEARCH: An Update on the National Cancer Moonshot Initiative and a Dialogue with Early Career Investigators

Tuesday, June 28, 2016
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 562
Capitol Hill

Vice President Biden’s National Cancer Moonshot Initiative has galvanized the cancer research advocacy community and has sparked a renewed and unprecedented national and international dialogue about ways to accelerate progress against cancer at this critical time of extraordinary scientific opportunities. The American Association for Cancer Research is a trusted advisor to the Vice President, his staff, and the NCI Blue Ribbon Panel, in which 20 of the 28 panelists are also AACR members.

This Congressional Briefing will explain why NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD, and NCI Acting Director Douglas Lowy, MD, recently wrote in The New England Journal of Medicine that “… the time is right for a renewed surge against cancer ....”

WELCOME REMARKS
Margaret Foti, PhD, MD (hc), Chief Executive Officer, American Association for Cancer Research

PERSPECTIVE FROM THE AACR
Nancy E. Davidson, MD, President, American Association for Cancer Research, Director, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Hillman Professor of Oncology, Associate Vice Chancellor for Cancer Research, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
Douglas R. Lowy, MD, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH EARLY-CAREER INVESTIGATORS
Kara A. Bernstein, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh Medical School

Major K. Lee, IV, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

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Lunch will be provided at this widely attended event.