

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network: 100 cancer advocates to urge lawmakers to improve patient-centered care

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MADISON, Wis. - April 25, 2019 - More than 100 cancer survivors, caregivers and their families from across the state will gather in Madison today to urge lawmakers to improve the care and quality of life for patients with long-term illnesses.

The visit is part of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's biennial Day at the Capitol. Throughout the day, advocates will meet with their legislators and ask them to cosponsor a bill to establish a state advisory committee on palliative care. This is a specialized type of medical care that focuses on the individual needs of patients with serious illnesses like cancer.

Media are invited to meet volunteers at ACS CAN's morning training session. Kay Lock - an advocate from Fond du Lac - is available to share her and her teenage son's experience with palliative care.

WHO: Kay Lock, an ACS CAN volunteer and mother to a young cancer survivor who benefited from palliative care

100 cancer patients, survivors and ACS CAN volunteers

**WHAT: ACS CAN Day at the Capitol
Morning Training Session**

**WHERE: Best Western Premier Park Hotel, Hall of Wisconsin
22 S. Carroll St., Madison**

**WHEN: Thursday, April 25
9 - 10 a.m.**

WHY: An estimated 34,220 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Wisconsin this year, and more than 11,000 Wisconsinites will lose their lives to it. Lawmakers play a critical role in passing public health policies that fight this disease.

About ACS CAN

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is making cancer a top priority for public officials and candidates at the federal, state and local levels. ACS CAN empowers advocates across the country to make their voices heard and influence evidence-based public policy change as well as legislative and regulatory solutions that will reduce the cancer burden. As the American Cancer Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate, ACS CAN is critical to the fight for a world without cancer. For more information, visit www.fightcancer.org.