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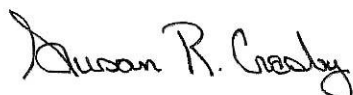
Since Women In Government initiated the *Challenge to Eliminate Cervical Cancer Campaign* in 2004, all 50 states have introduced and/or enacted cervical cancer prevention bills or resolutions. We have made significant progress, and now many of you have asked, “How can we advance this issue further?” Thus, Women In Government has created this Legislative Toolkit to help you continue to advance this issue in your states.

During the past four years, one lesson has become clear: eliminating cervical cancer will require collaboration and partnership with numerous stakeholders in the public health arena, including agency representatives, policymakers, clinicians and health advocates. Such partnerships can, among other things, facilitate information exchange and advance the use of available and emerging preventive technologies.

The materials included in this toolkit are meant to outline steps that states can take to build coalitions in order to create comprehensive solutions that target cervical cancer elimination. Many states have created task forces, or centralized accountable entities, charged with examining the disease burden in their state, developing an effective response, and issuing a report to the legislature. This toolkit provides resources to assist you in implementing a task force’s or commission’s requirements. The toolkit also includes additional helpful information, such as contact information for each state’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, as well as educational materials about cervical cancer, HPV and the preventive technologies available for its prevention, including HPV vaccines and advanced screening such as HPV testing. Finally, this toolkit can assist states in introducing new legislation around cervical cancer prevention by highlighting, via our model legislation packet, what action other states have taken.

Please feel free to call the HPV & Cervical Cancer Policy Resource Center at (888) 333-0164 if you have any questions about this Toolkit. Thank you for your continued interest in and enthusiasm for this issue. I look forward to working with you to reach our collective goal of eliminating cervical cancer

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan R. Crosby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Susan R. Crosby
President
Women In Government