



June 13, 2025

The Honorable John Joyce, MD
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Washington, District of Columbia 20515
United States

Dear Dr. Joyce:

As members of the SUNucate Coalition, including medical specialty associations, patient, public health, and other groups, we write to applaud the effort to streamline the FDA review process of the effectiveness and safety of new ingredients for nonprescription sunscreens through the introduction of H.R. 3686, the SAFE Sunscreen Standards Act. We believe this would be a significant step in promoting skin cancer prevention by ensuring Americans have access to the most effective sunscreen ingredients.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S.ⁱ, and one in five Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70ⁱⁱ. However, it is highly preventable as regular sunscreen use helps reduce overall lifetime skin cancer ratesⁱⁱⁱ. Despite the proven efficacy of sunscreen in reducing skin cancer risks, the United States lags behind many other countries which have nearly twice as many sunscreen ingredients that better absorb or block UV radiation^{iv}.

The FDA has not approved a single new sunscreen ingredient since the 1990s, despite Congress passing the Sunscreen Innovation Act in 2014 to establish a process for review and approval of active sunscreen ingredients. Americans deserve the best possible sunscreen to protect themselves and their families.

We commend your commitment to public health through the introduction of this legislation and upholding the importance of skin cancer prevention as the only dermatologist in Congress. We look forward to continuing to support this legislation as it makes its way through Congress. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kristin Hellquist, Senior Chief Advocacy Officer at the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association, at khellquist@asds.net.

ⁱ US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Melanoma of the Skin Statistics. <https://www.cdc.gov/skin-cancer/statistics/>.

ⁱⁱ The Skin Cancer Foundation. Facts About Sunburn and Skin Cancer. <https://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information/skin-cancer-facts/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Green, A., et.al.; Reduced Melanoma After Regular Sunscreen Use: Randomized Trial Follow-Up J Clin Oncol 2011 Jan. 29:257-263.

^{iv} Rogin, A., & Wilde, W. (2023, August 27). *Why Sunscreen in the United States is behind the rest of the world*. PBS. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/why-sunscreen-in-the-united-states-is-behind-the-rest-of-the-world>

Sincerely,

AIM at Melanoma

American Academy of Dermatology Association

American Association of Kidney Patients

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association

American Society for Mohs Surgery

American Society of Plastic Surgeons

Arizona Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery

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Dermatology Nurses' Association

Florida Academy of Dermatology

Florida Society of Dermatologic Surgeons

Melanoma Research Alliance

Melanoma Research Foundation

Ohio Dermatological Association

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Skin Cancer Foundation

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