

November 8, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Majority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable James Clyburn  
Assistant Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Whip Scalise, Whip Hoyer, and Assistant Leader Clyburn:

On behalf of the 27 undersigned organizations dedicated to promoting sun-safe behaviors, we write in support of H. Res. 282 and ask that you bring this resolution to the floor for consideration by the end of the Congressional Session. We applaud this common-sense resolution and the efforts of the Rep. Dave Joyce and leaders of the Congressional Skin Cancer Caucus to support the removal of barriers that prevent children in many state and local childcare settings from using over-the-counter sunscreens.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Current estimates are that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in his or her lifetime. Experiencing five or more blistering sunburns between ages 15 and 20 increases one's melanoma risk by a staggering 80 percent and nonmelanoma skin cancer risk by 68 percent.

Children are particularly at risk for skin damage from ultraviolet (UV) radiation because their skin is not yet fully developed and because their skin cells are dividing at an accelerated pace compared with adults. Increasing intermittent sun exposure in childhood and during one's lifetime is associated with an increased risk of squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma and melanoma. The good news is that research suggests that regular sunscreen use reduces melanoma risk, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

To prevent skin cancer in the future, a change in our culture, including an understanding of what healthy, attractive skin looks like, is needed. All Americans, and especially physicians, public health agencies, and child care professionals, need to work toward that change. The message that the public receives from its visible leaders and elected officials can also play an important role in this effort. The House passage of H. Res. 282 would demonstrate your commitment and the commitment of the U.S.

House of Representatives to promote skin cancer prevention and to shift the public understanding of the risks of UV exposure in children.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue and encourage you to schedule floor consideration of H. Res. 282 by the end of the 2018 Congressional Session.

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American Academy of Pediatrics  
American College of Mohs Surgery  
American Melanoma Foundation  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
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Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Sun Safety for Kids  
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