



April 25, 2019

Dear Biden Cancer Initiative Directors,

As of the date of this letter, we are stepping down as co-chairs and resigning from the Board of Directors of the Biden Cancer Initiative. While our time and focus will be redirected for the foreseeable future, we are glad that the work of the Biden Cancer Initiative will not just continue but – we trust, with your guidance – it will thrive.

We believe under our collective leadership we have maintained the momentum of this movement—to bring the urgency of now to change the culture of cancer research and care to improve cancer patient experiences and outcomes. Together, we have heard the voices of many through our [#cancerFIERCE](#) campaign and we focused thousands of people to take action as part of our [2018 Biden Cancer Summit](#). We have proposed and, in some cases, implemented solutions to some of the biggest [issues](#) standing in the way of progress for cancer patients – in the areas of data sharing, data standards, clinical trial acceleration, prevention, patient navigation, and access to care.

It has been our incredible pleasure to serve with you during the last two years; we have been impressed and inspired by your commitment to this cause. Cancer is not only personal to us but to so many Americans and people around the world. And for patients, caregivers, and cancer fighters everywhere—every day, every minute matters. On behalf of them, we implore you keep up the progress and we wish you great success as the Biden Cancer Initiative continues its important work.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.



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