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Dear Honourable Commissioner-Designate Kyriakides,

On behalf of All.Can international, we wish to extend our sincere congratulations to your nomination as European Commissioner for Health being accepted by the ENVI committee. We welcome your appointment with great enthusiasm and are certain that your unique perspectives as a clinical psychologist, cancer survivor and patient advocate will help create the leadership in health that Europe needs.

All.Can is an international multi-stakeholder initiative set up to improve the efficiency of cancer care – where we define as inefficient any aspect of care that is not focused on what matters to patients. All.Can includes representatives from patient organisations, policymakers, healthcare professionals, research and industry. It consists of an international chapter as well as 14 All.Can national initiatives, with many more on the way. You can find out more about us at www.all-can.org.

One of All.Can's central aims is to ensure the patient perspective is central to cancer plans, policies and models of care. With this goal in mind, we conducted a survey of nearly 4,000 cancer patients and caregivers across 10 countries to ask them where they had encountered inefficiency in their care, and where change was most needed.

The findings of this survey were launched recently at the European CanCer Organisation (ECCO) Cancer Summit. You may find an electronic copy of the report [here](#).

The survey helped identify four key opportunities to improve efficiency from the patient perspective:

1. Ensure swift, accurate and appropriately delivered diagnosis
2. Improve information-sharing, support and shared decision-making
3. Make integrated multidisciplinary care a reality for all patients
4. Address the personal financial impact of cancer.

These findings resonate with other results in the literature. They are intrinsically important as they represent the views of people directly affected by cancer and cancer care. As we advance our ongoing initiatives at national and international levels, All.Can is committed to sharing these findings with policymakers, to ensure they are taken into consideration in cancer policies and plans in years to come.



Specifically, we hope All.Can's work may contribute to your own efforts to strengthen member states' fight against cancer and be incorporated into your proposed 'Beating Cancer Plan'. We would be delighted to meet you in Brussels, at your earliest convenience, to further discuss how All.Can may help advance your policy aims – and share more of our findings with you and your colleagues.

With many thanks in advance for your consideration, we look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

The All.Can international steering committee*

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