



Physicians Caring for Texans

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Articles I, IV, & V
Written Testimony on CPRIT
Texas Medical Association
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Chair González and members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee:

The Texas Medical Association, representing more than 59,000 physician and medical student members across the state, appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). We urge allocation of appropriated funds to sustain our state’s momentum in groundbreaking cancer research, prevention, and treatment.

CPRIT grants for screening and education have provided 9.89 million prevention services in all Texas counties, improving access to lifesaving cancer screening for some of our state’s most vulnerable populations.¹ But not only has CPRIT saved countless Texans’ lives since its inception in 2010, its work continues to both save and earn Texas billions of dollars every year. A recent report by the Perryman Group estimated the direct medical costs of cancer, morbidity, and mortality losses to be \$59.5 billion in 2024, an increase from \$56.6 billion in 2023. Sick days and job losses due to cancer resulted in an annual productivity loss of \$156.5 billion.¹ However, CPRIT operations, prevention, screening, and research programs have helped ameliorate this impact, generating \$27.1 billion in output and downstream economic benefits last year. CPRIT also generated business activity that totaled \$1.5 billion for the state and \$642.5 million for local governments in 2024.¹ Overall, for every dollar invested through CPRIT in 2024, Texas recouped more than \$426 in returns from treatment cost savings, economic activity, real gross product output, income, sales, and tax receipts.

Beyond the economic benefits, no dollar amount can be placed on the parents, grandparents, children, and other cherished family members who get to spend just one more day with their loved ones while fighting cancer. TMA applauds the Texas Legislature for continuing to make the fight against cancer a statewide priority, and we urge the state to support the momentum in this work. Texas physicians care for our patients and want the best for them and their families. CPRIT brings the best in cancer care, prevention, and treatment directly to Texas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. For answers to further questions, please contact Matt Dowling, director of TMA Public Affairs, at matt.dowling@texmed.org.

¹ The Perryman Group. An Economic Assessment of the Cost of Cancer in Texas and the Benefits of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and its Programs: 2024 Update. 2024. <https://www.cprit.texas.gov/media/3597/perryman-cpr-it-impact-11-25-2024-updated.pdf>.