

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ms. Judith Abrams
President
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
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Dear Ms. Abrams:

I write to express my deep appreciation for all that you and the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance do to represent the thousands of women and their families that are impacted by ovarian and gynecological cancers every year.

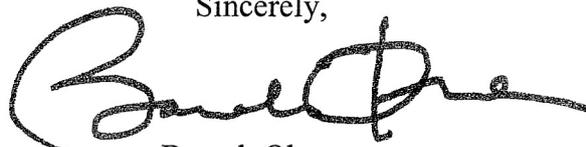
Over the past 10 years, the Alliance has done tremendous work in educating, empowering, and inspiring women to cope with the difficulties in fighting this devastating disease. Through your work and guidance, the Alliance has become the preeminent organization bringing the realities of this disease to the attention of national policy makers, health care practitioners, and women's health care leaders. Although September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we must work throughout the year to ensure that women across the country are educated about all the issues associated with this disease.

The fight against ovarian and gynecological cancer is a cause that is very near to my heart, as my mother died from this disease at the age of 53. Witnessing what she endured during the last few months of her life has inspired me to use my position in the U.S. Senate to raise awareness about this issue, and to do what I can to support the efforts of your organization, with the hope that someday women may live without fear of this disease.

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of Johanna's Law and to have supported increased funding for the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Science Foundation, as well as the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and the Ovarian Cancer Research Program in the Department of Defense. I also strongly support biomedical research at the federal, state, and local levels that will lead to the development of new therapies and diagnostics.

I thank you for all that you do and pledge my support in the fight which you have so diligently undertaken.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama