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To Cervical Cancer Action
c/o American Cancer Society
588 Broadway, Suite 504
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We understand that Cervical Cancer Action is gathering evidence of global and country-level support for improved cervical cancer prevention. By this letter we would like to express our strong support for comprehensive programs to protect girls and older women from this dangerous but preventable disease.

We know that about 85 percent of cervical cancer deaths occur in the developing world including Vietnam, in large part because screening programs do not reach many women in time. Improved screening and treatment, along with future vaccination, will be important elements of programs to reduce mortality.

We fully agree with you that access to new technologies should follow disease not wealth. It is crucial that the costs of HPV vaccine and new screening technologies be reduced, and access increased, as quickly as possible. We are ready to work with the global community to make these new tools available appropriately and effectively to the girls and women who need them most.

My best wishes for our future cooperation. Thank you for your cooperation and support

Yours sincerely,

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