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Dear Ms. Nguyen,

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network writes this letter in support of the Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group's proposal to develop a workshop with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) addressing access to oncology nutrition care in the United States.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer. We seek to improve overall care for pancreatic cancer patients leading to extended survival and improved outcomes with a goal to double survival from the disease by 2020. Nutritional care and guidance is a key quality-of-life concern for pancreatic cancer patients, and one that is often overlooked.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network fully supports the Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group as it seeks external funding to move forward with an Institute of Medicine Workshop.

Sincerely,

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