

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee,

I am in support of Senate Bill 2687. My name is Daniel Shockley, retired military member and colon cancer survivor. It is important for me to share my cancer journey success story as a source of inspiration and encouragement. I share my journey on behalf of those who have gone before me and not afforded the opportunity to share. You can read about my journey at www.army.mil/article/90122

Regards,

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Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee,

I am in support of Senate Bill 2687. Too many people suffer and needlessly die from cancer every year, when preventative screenings can help save lives. Colorectal cancer is often found after symptoms appear, but most people with early colorectal cancer don't have symptoms of the disease. This is why it's important to get the recommended screening tests before any symptoms develop. In many people, screening can also prevent colorectal cancer by finding and removing polyps before they have the chance to turn into cancer. When colorectal cancer is found at an early stage before it has spread, the 5-year relative survival rate is about 90%. But only about 4 out of 10 colorectal cancers are found at this early stage. When cancer has spread outside the colon or rectum, survival rates are lower. While it is too late for my husband who died of this terrible disease, you can save lives. Please move this measure forward and help us take one step closer to preventing another tragic loss of life from cancer.

Sincerely,

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