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Advocating for effective cancer policy

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Background: Cancer is the second leading cause of mortality in the United States. The American Cancer Society is a national, community-based health organization that works toward the elimination of cancer through funding research, providing education and advocating for effective policy.

Activities: A number of activities were undertaken to support the American Cancer Society Eastern Division's legislative priorities. These activities included literature reviews on pertinent health topics, composing letters to congressional representatives and letters to the editor, developing an advocacy toolkit and participating in direct lobbying.