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Statement by Partnership for Prevention[®] President John M. Clymer
on the **National Call to Action**
on **Cancer Prevention and Survivorship**

Partnership for Prevention[®] commends former U.S. Surgeons General Carmona, Elders, Novello and Satcher for drawing our nation's attention to the opportunities to prevent deaths and suffering from cancer and to increase survival. Their National Call to Action deserves the attention of every policy maker and citizen who wants to reduce cancer's toll.

Low use of preventive care costs lives. If 90% of Americans got recommended colonoscopies, mammograms and counseling to quit smoking, 59,700 premature deaths would be prevented.^[1]

Better medical care alone will not win the war on cancer. As the former Surgeons General point out, quality medical care must be combined with community resources and sensible public policies, such as clean indoor air laws that protect nonsmokers and smokers alike from cancer causing, toxic tobacco smoke. Policies and programs proven to prevent the leading causes of cancer are available in The Guide to Community Preventive Services, at <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/default.htm>.

^[1] National Commission on Prevention Priorities, "Preventive Care: A National Profile on Use, Disparities and Health Benefits. Partnership for Prevention, Washington, DC, 2007
