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Dear Brothers, Sisters, Union Members of Building Trades, and Contractors,

On August 2nd, I will be riding in the PMC with my daughter Amy for the first time in 10 years. I wasn't planning on riding this year. My plan was to enjoy retirement with my wife Janet, travel, and enjoy our family and 3 grandchildren. Our son Matt and Lindsay have Natalie and Amy and Josh have Lucas and baby Gabriella. It takes commitment to train, fundraise and ride in the PMC.



But Cancer does not care!! It has hit my family for the fourth time.



This past December, Jan was diagnosed with cancer again. She survived breast cancer in 2003. When she went for her Breast MRI last fall, they found some lesions on her liver. She was diagnosed at Dana-Farber with very slow-growing cancerous tumors, one in her ileum and others in her liver, which they will monitor for now. If they grow, they can treat them with possible surgery and other treatments. In addition to Jan's cancers, I survived prostate cancer in 2006. Later in 2010, Amy was diagnosed with leukemia. She was treated at Dana-Farber and Brigham & Women's Hospital with chemo, radiation, and a stem cell transplant from Matt, which cured her leukemia.

I appreciate all who donated to my PMC. Because of you, my lifetime fundraising totals \$131,928, and last year's total was \$20,692. Last year, the PMC raised \$75 million and reached over \$1 billion. The PMC celebrated this major milestone last year but we didn't realize then how important it is to continue raising money because recently the funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is threatened by potential government funding cuts. **Please read the letter from Billy Starr on the next page regarding PMC funding and what is at stake!**



This year my goal is \$20,000 and to exceed 125 donors. Every year, I send out about 500 letters asking for donations and I also post on Facebook. I get about 100 donations per year. If I am able to reach my goal to exceed 125 donations, I will donate two \$50 gift cards to two random winners. If I reach my goal of \$20,000, I will also donate two \$50 gift cards to two donors. Please donate by the end of September and the drawing will take place on October 1st.

I will be wearing ribbons again this year to honor those who were affected by cancer. Please let me know a name you would like to honor by the end of July.

Please give what you can. Thank you!

Rick Lane

Rick's information:

Donate by credit card or Venmo:

profile.pmc.org/RL0183

Or, mail a check made out to PMC to:

Rick Lane, 436 S. Meadow Rd., Lancaster, MA 01523

Amy Belli's information:

Donate by credit card or Venmo:

profile.pmc.org/AL0187

Or, mail a check made out to PMC to:

Amy Belli, 7 Jackson Ave., Rutland, MA 01543



Update and Facts on Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Funding

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is supported by the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and private foundations and individuals' contribution. The Jimmy Fund is the principal charity of the Institute named for one of its child patients. Over 270,000 supporters contribute to the PMC's gift annually making up 66% of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue.

100% of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

NIH Indirect Funding Threatened with 50% Cuts

"Government policies may change, but our mission and our values do not."

– Benjamin Ebert
President & CEO, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
7-year PMC rider

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When the PMC celebrated passing the \$1 billion mark last November, we knew our work was not done. What we did not know then was that lifesaving progress already funded by the PMC community would be threatened as is the case today. NIH funding cuts of up to 50% would be a significant blow to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, to its ability to develop cancer breakthroughs, and to the patients we ride for every year. As a community, the PMC needs to stand up and do what we do best:

- Support best-in-class cancer research.
- Support Dana-Farber and its world-class team of doctors and nurses.
- Be the catalyst to developing cures and treatments for all cancers.

Dana-Farber needs our funding capacity more than ever. All of us have loyal donors who support our mission. With the potential to lose significant NIH funding, the work we have all championed for 45 years is threatened. Imagine if it were you, or your family, being told that funding for your clinical trial or treatment was now frozen, or worse, cut. The PMC has provided hope and funding for 45 years. We need to assure Dana-Farber – and the administration in Washington – that this pursuit is a national priority. If you have not already, please register to ride, Reimagine, or go Virtual.

Billy Starr