

# I SUPPORT MEDICAL INNOVATION



Vanessa Ghigliotty  
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“I will have to get a PET scan every year of my life to confirm my cancer free status. Repealing the medical device tax will ensure companies continue to invest in R&D to make these life-saving scans even more effective.”

Vanessa Ghigliotty was a single mother who was working as a nanny and had just graduated college when she was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. An x-ray revealed multiple tumors both inside and outside of her colon and small intestine when she was admitted to the emergency room for what doctors thought was a burst appendix. One year later, a PET scan detected recurrence even though her blood work was normal. Now, Vanessa is 13 years from her original diagnosis and 10 years cancer free.

Eight surgeries and three years of chemotherapy took a toll on Vanessa’s body, but she takes it all in stride because she is happy to be alive and remains dedicated to giving back—advocating for the under 50 crowd and for those who do not have family history of cancer.

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**#RepealDeviceTax**

Someone you know is counting on research and development to bring to life the next breakthrough in medical progress. With an aging population, people with disabilities living longer lives, and chronic disease rates growing at faster rates, now is the time for more—not less—resources to advance cures and treatments that help people live healthier, longer, and more independent lives.

**That’s why patients, patient advocates, leading voices in the disability community, and research organizations oppose the medical device tax. Taxing medical innovation doesn’t make sense, but helping people recover and get back to their home, family, or job does.**

