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Rep. Castro, at cancer conference, decries proposed funding cuts

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(1 of 3) U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, right, speaks to Ysabel Duron of the Latino Cancer Institute in San Jose, California, at the Conference Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos at the Marriott Plaza on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. Photo: Bob Owen /San Antonio Express-News



(2 of 3) U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro speaks on a panel at the Conference Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos at the Marriott Plaza on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. Photo: Bob Owen /San Antonio Express-News

U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro joined Latino cancer researchers from around the country Friday in decrying President Donald Trump’s proposed budget cuts to the National Cancer Institute and National Institutes of Health, urging instead that cancer research funding be increased.

“Those cuts would be devastating to cancer research and cancer patients across the country,” Castro said in an interview before addressing a national conference in San Antonio, “Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos.”



(3 of 3) U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, center, sitting on a panel at the Conference Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos, listens to Dr. Esteban Lopez of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, at the Marriott Plaza on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. Photo: Bob Owen /San Antonio Express-News

“The idea that we would back away from funding research to try to find a cure is very disturbing,” said Castro, D-San Antonio. “So, I’ve encouraged my fellow members of Congress to rethink that budget and support increased funding.”