Mike Kukla is an engineer who led a very active life prior to being diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. He ran a 5 or 10K every weekend and enjoyed competing in obstacle course races. One day after a hike, the pain in his stomach was so severe that he ended up in the ER where he was ultimately diagnosed with cancer through a colonoscopy. Mike received lifesaving surgery via a laparoscopic procedure which minimized recovery time. He also received Selective Internal Radiation Therapy (SIRT), a new innovative treatment of liver metastasis in which the adjacent tissue is spared from excess radiation because it is more targeted and injected directly into the Hepatic artery.

The laparoscopic procedure combined with state-of-the-art SIRT saved Mike’s life and added years to what otherwise might be a very grim prognosis. That was almost 3 years ago.

Mike Kukla
Hillsboro, Oregon

“\textit{I support repealing the medical device tax because the impact on R&D budgets, especially start-ups, is unsustainable and limits innovation. Thanks to cutting-edge imaging and radiation therapy technologies, I am almost 3 years into my battle with stage 4 cancer. I continue to work full-time, compete in the occasional 5k, and go on hikes with my dog.}”

Support medical innovation
Repeal the device tax

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.