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Cancer: The economic machine

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Billions of dollars are poured into cancer research each year, and while significant progress is being made, there still seems to be no end in sight to the war on cancer.

For some, the answer is crystal clear:

"You make a lot of money causing cancer [and] producing pharmaceuticals that don't cure cancer, but maintain people and cancer. It's one of the biggest industries in the country," says Mae Burrows, executive director of the Labour Environmental Alliance Society.

But Burrows isn't the first or only one to call out the cancer establishment - Samuel Epstein of the Cancer Prevention Coalition in the U.S. has voiced similar criticisms since his first book, *The Politics of Cancer*, hit shelves in 1978.

In his latest book, *Cancer-Gate: How to Win the Losing Cancer War*, Epstein argues the medical field is losing an easily won war because cancer-fighting institutions are pouring billions into treatment and virtually nothing into prevention.