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Your Congress, Your Health

On March 11, we asked PARADE readers to weigh in on the health topics that matter most to you.

Hundreds responded with powerful words on everything from health care to the perilous state of medical research. “Ten years ago, I nearly lost my life to no health insurance,” wrote one reader. “I was between jobs and could not afford early testing to catch my cancer before it spread.” One research scientist lamented how far America is falling behind in biomedical research: “It will take one to two decades to recover from the exodus of scientists that is now occurring. The U.S. economy and its citizens will ultimately suffer most.” Oth-

ers told of the struggle to care for diabetic children or parents with Alzheimer’s. (To read all the comments and offer your own, go to *Parade.com*.)

Research!America, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to health research, took your comments and crafted a 15-question survey for all members of Congress. To find out how your U.S. Representative and two Senators answered, just go to *yourcongressyourhealth.org* and enter your ZIP code. If your elected officials have not yet responded, you can send an e-mail from the Web site and urge them to reply to the survey. With health care so vital



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