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Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of Research!America, the nation's largest not-for-profit advocacy and public education alliance committed to ensuring fast-paced scientific and medical progress, we thank you for your leadership and commitment to advances in biomedical and public health.

As you work to complete the conference negotiations for the Labor-H/Defense package, we urge you to advance funding for NIH, CDC, AHRQ and CDMRP that empowers our nation to work as proactively and effectively as possible to achieve medical and public health progress. With threats like Alzheimer's, Ebola, antimicrobial resistance, and the opioid crisis taking lives and commandeering critical public health resources, it is imperative that our nation's health-focused agencies receive the highest possible allocation to support their ability to respond to ever-evolving and increasingly complex public health challenges.

We are fortunate to have such stalwart champions for fast-paced medical and public health progress on the conference committee and it is a privilege to reinforce your determination to secure passage of legislation that propels

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life-saving progress. Thank you for considering Research!America's views, and please call on our alliance if we can be of assistance during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Woolley". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Mary Woolley  
President and CEO