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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Speaker,

It has been reported that you are considering advancing a continuing resolution (CR) for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) that would lock the current budget in place not until March of 2017, but until April or even May of next year. On behalf of Research!America, I am writing to urge you to refrain from adding more time to the delay in tactically allocating federal funding.

Our nation relies on Congress to fulfill its responsibility for fueling American priorities in a strategic manner, and a one-size-fits-all CR is a breach of that trust. As Congressman Tom Cole cautioned earlier today, a longer CR now could pave the way for a full-year CR next year. That outcome would run directly counter to the best interests of America and Americans, as the potential for desperately needed medical advances, a more nimble response to cyber- and bioterrorism, and other crucial progress is squandered. It's important to note that locking in current funding levels also preserves any inefficient spending that needlessly drains dollars from taxpayer pockets. Our nation deserves better.

Please take a stand on behalf of the American people and refuse to allow the prospect of a challenging first quarter for the 115th Congress lead to counter-strategic stasis for our nation as a whole.

Sincerely,

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