Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

The undersigned organizations are writing to thank you for assigning a top priority to advancing Innovations legislation and to offer our strong support as you work to secure “pay-fors” and bring a meaningful bipartisan bill to the Senate floor. We are truly grateful for the time and effort you and your staff members have devoted to the Innovations initiative. Your commitment to patients and their loved ones is clear. Please continue to fight for this initiative; your efforts to spur faster medical progress now will benefit Americans for generations.

Because of your vision and determination, the Innovations effort encompasses a surge in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The groundbreaking research NIH fosters, coupled with private sector investment and innovation, fuels our economy, grows jobs and most importantly saves lives. By putting more muscle behind NIH at a time of unprecedented opportunity for breakthrough progress, the Innovations initiative can -- and will -- shift the fight against deadly and debilitating diseases into high gear.

It is profoundly meaningful that you and other esteemed members of the Senate, including Finance Committee Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden, and Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid, are working together to craft and advance the Innovations package. Every American family has confronted illnesses that breed suffering and take loved ones too soon. You are fighting back on our behalf and we thank you.

Please call upon our organizations if we can assist in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Research!America
Abe's Garden
Academy of Radiology Research
AgeneBio, Inc.
Ali’s Angels Foundation
Alzheimer and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin
Alzheimer’s Association
Alzheimer's Mississippi
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
American Association of Public Health Dentistry
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)
American College of Clinical Pharmacy Research Institute
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Surgeons
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Dental Education Association
American Federation for Medical Research
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
The Mastocytosis Society
The Nicholas Conor Institute
The Veterans Health Council
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
UAB School of Medicine
University of California System
University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute
Usher 1F Collaborative, Inc.
UTH ealth - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vietnam Veterans of America
Washington University in St. Louis
Weill Cornell Medicine
With Purpose
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell
    The Honorable Harry Reid
    The Honorable Orrin Hatch
    The Honorable Ron Wyden