April 4, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chairman  
Senate Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services  
1350 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services  
1016 Longworth House Office Building,  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Senate Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services  
The Capitol, Room S-128  
Washington, DC 20510

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

As members of Research!America, the nation’s largest nonprofit alliance committed to advancing health through research, we are writing to thank you and your respective staff members for securing robust funding increases for medical and public health research in the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Your extraordinary efforts are reflected in the unprecedented $3 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health and in meaningful budget increases for other crucially important research agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services. These increases empower our nation to advance myriad objectives, from restoring health and saving lives, to growing jobs and bolstering global economic competitiveness, to preventing disease and the human and fiscal toll it exacts.

The Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations process is underway, but we wanted to be sure you and the staff members who assist you know how much we appreciate what you have already accomplished. Because of your hard work and vision, the multi-faceted benefits of science will accrue faster to America and Americans, and that is profoundly important. Our nation is well-served by your stewardship over crucial federal funding priorities.

Sincerely,

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Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
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Alliance for Patient Access
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM)
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American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
American Brain Coalition
American Dental Education Association
American Diabetes Association
American Federation for Medical Research
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/SPAN
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Medical Association
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
American Pain Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Virology
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
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Americans for Medical Progress
Arthritis Foundation
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Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association for Women in Science
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Anatomy Cell Biology Neurobiology Chairs
Association of Independent Research Institutes
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City of Hope
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Clinical Trials Awareness
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
EB Research Partnership
Elias A. Zerhouni
Emory University’s Woodruff Health Sciences Center
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FasterCures, a center of the Milken Institute
Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at Northwell Health
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine
Global Liver Institute
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HIV Medicine Association
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JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
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Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association
Lupus Foundation of America
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mayo Clinic
McLaughlin Research Institute
Medical College of Wisconsin
Miami University
Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University
Mount Sinai
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Eating Disorders Association
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National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeast Ohio Medical University
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Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society for Neuroscience
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Texas Biomedical Research Institute
The American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
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