Health Research as Common Ground for the New Congress

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A Post-Election Analysis
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Most Not Well Informed on Elected Officials’ Positions on Research

How well informed would you say you are about the positions of your Senators and Representative when it comes to their support of medical, health and scientific research?

- 39% Very well informed
- 42% Somewhat well informed
- 11% Not too well informed
- 8% Not informed at all

Source: Your Candidates - Your Health Poll, August 2010
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Where Do Your Candidates Stand?

All candidates for Congress on the ballot in November 2010 will be invited to let voters know where they stand on health and research by filling out a brief questionnaire. Candidates in states where primaries have occurred are being invited to participate. Other candidates will be invited as each state’s primary takes place.

Check the primary calendar to find...
We encourage you to thank this candidate for participating in Your Candidates—Your Health. See a sample message.

Rep. Danny K Davis
Illinois, House
Democrat
District: 07
Incumbent

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This candidate has responded to:
2008 Your Candidates—Your Health
Your Congress—Your Health 110th Congress
2006 Your Candidates—Your Health

How healthy is your state? Click on the map above to see where Illinois stands in America's Health Rankings™.
2010 Candidates on the Record

- 40% or greater
- 25% - 39%
- 1% - 24%
- No candidates
Who Responded to

By Party

• 174 of 448 Democrats (39%)
• 75 of 456 Republicans (16%)
• 159 of 525 third-party candidates (30%)
Targeted Advertising
Social Media Outreach
“The federal government has a critical role in R&D especially in basic research.”
Americans Think R&D is Important to State Economies

How important do you think research and development is to your state’s economy?

- Very important: 48%
- Somewhat important: 43%
- Not too important: 8%
- Not at all important: 1%

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“The federal government should encourage research and development by permanently extending the R&D tax credit to allow the United States to remain competitive in the global marketplace. Raising taxes on these employers would be detrimental to the innovation.”

Rep. Peter Roskam R IL-06
Majority Say U.S. Global Health R&D is Important

How important would you say it is that the U.S. work to improve health globally through research and development?

- Very important: 36%
- Somewhat important: 48%
- Not too important: 4%
- Not at all important: 12%

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“Funding research and development leads to long-term job growth and economic opportunities in addition to the improvement to our and our neighbor’s health.”

Rep. Paul Tonko D NY-21
Would you say that the average amount of time it takes for the FDA to approve a drug, biological product or medical device and allow it to be sold to consumers is too long, about right, or not long enough, or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion?

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“Public health and safety must be paramount and the FDA review should be thorough. However, currently the time it takes is too long due to a lack of resources. I support adequate agency funding to expeditiously bring life saving drugs and technologies to those in need.”

Rep. Tammy Baldwin D WI-01
“I “don’t know” what effect the work of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute will have on our health system. “It depends on how the CER is used as it has been used in some cases to assign values to human life and justify rationing health care or if it is truly used to compare effectiveness of treatments and procedures.”

Sen. Mike Crapo R-ID
Important for Congress to Work Together on Research Issues

How important do you think it is for Members of Congress to work on a bipartisan basis with civility and respect for one another to make research to improve health a top national priority?

- Very important: 58%
- Somewhat important: 30%
- Not too important: 8%
- Not at all important: 4%

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“Our major parties seem unable to engage in a useful dialogue, much less work together to solve problems. If we don’t fix this, our government can’t solve any of our national problems.”
Goal

Make research to improve health a top priority for the 112th Congress
112th Congress on the Record

170 Members of the 112th Congress are on the record.
The Honorable John Edward Porter

Chair, Research!America Board of Directors
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President & CEO, Research!America