Outreach to candidates
Candidates for federal office were invited to participate by discussing their hopes and concerns about research and related issues

Extensive public outreach through the Research!America advocacy network and sponsoring partners to encourage candidates for federal office to share their views

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ResearchAmerica launches “Ask Your Candidate” to elevate priority of medical progress in elections

ResearchAmerica’s Ask Your Candidates! program is the only voter education initiative focused on our nation’s commitment to medical and other health-related research. Armed with information on their candidates’ views, Americans can make educated voting decisions that help determine the pace of medical progress for years to come. Learn more at www.askyourcandidates.org!

American Federation for Medical Research

Where do your candidates stand on research for health?
Find out at www.AskYourCandidates.org which is an initiative of ResearchAmerica and partners committed to health and research info@AskYourCandidates.org

ResearchAmerica’s Ask Your Candidates! campaign encourages people to ask their congressional candidates to share their positions on medical innovation and research through online and grassroots activities, social media strategies, and on-the-ground events. As we get closer to the 2014 mid-term elections, PAN will be sharing additional information about how you can get involved in this campaign, so stay tuned for more.

Visit www.askyourcandidates.org to learn more about the campaign.

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Ask Your Candidates! In the Media Across the Country
2014 AYC Responses

- Democrat: 68
- Republican: 50
- Third Party: 37
“What Would You Do If Elected To Assure Medical Progress?”

Recurring Themes

- Role of government vs. private sector
- Personal connections to research
- Global competitiveness and jobs
- Local connection/importance for my district/state
- Calls for accountability

*No overtly anti-science responses*
“I believe in American ingenuity and the power of our free market economy to fuel new treatments and cures. It is a mistake to rely on government for medical progress that is more efficiently and quickly achieved with private sector investment.”

Sen.-elect David Perdue, R-Ga. (Open Seat)
“The medical innovation sector, funded largely by federal research dollars, is one of our nation’s great job-generating industries. Such companies employ one million Americans—more than 90,000 of whom are here in New Jersey with an average salary of $120,000. We need more of these types of jobs.”

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J. (Incumbent)
“I am an advocate for preventative care, medical research and healthy lifestyles for West Virginians. I support patient-centered reforms that improve the quality and accessibility of health care and believe that health care choices are best made by West Virginia families, not Washington bureaucrats.”

Sen.-elect Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.V. (Open Seat)
“Federal agencies annually award billions in discretionary and competitive grants but have few standards for disclosing the process of awarding the taxpayer-funded projects. In some agencies, the current process lacks transparency and places an undue burden on grant applicants trying to navigate the system. The nebulous system also makes it difficult for lawmakers to hold agencies accountable for the stewardship and distribution of taxpayer dollars.”

Sen.-elect James Lankford, R-Okla. (Open Seat)
“Our country is facing real competition from other countries like France, China and India, which prize their researchers, while ours face budget cuts. Medical research is also our best hope for finding cures, improving treatments and gaining a better understanding of the complex causes of diseases that affect millions of Americans.”

Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-Md.-2) (Incumbent)
“Rather than continue to make cuts, we should be expanding the funding available to the National Institutes of Health, while also maintaining other research and prevention programs at federal facilities ... We also need to adequately fund an education system that prepares and encourages students to go into math, science and related fields and prepares the next generation of scientists and researchers.”

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.-1) (Incumbent)
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