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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Secretary Mnuchin:

On behalf of the Research!America Board and Alliance, we are truly grateful for your steadfast refusal to let Americans down by abandoning efforts to reach agreement on a bipartisan emergency spending package. All Americans, and our national priorities, rely on the level of leadership you have provided as COVID-19 has continued to take lives, cause immense suffering, and thwart urgently-needed medical, economic, and societal progress.

We believe you can and must – for the sake of our nation – reach agreement without further delay on an emergency relief package that will make a fundamentally important, positive difference for individuals and communities across the United States.

In addition to protecting families from financial catastrophe, restoring jobs, and hastening an end to the scourge of COVID-19, we firmly believe this emergency package should prevent further erosion in U.S.-driven medical progress and job-producing R&D. This life-altering pandemic has created deep cuts into the resources our nation uses to seed medical progress and build the foundation for private sector innovation. We ask that you provide at least \$26 billion to reboot this fundamental research as means of placing our country back on track to medical and economic progress.

When Americans invest in ourselves, we are unstoppable. You and your talented staff members are determined to make that investment, and we offer our sincere gratitude and support for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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