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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Secretary Mnuchin:

On behalf of the Research!America Board and Alliance, we are profoundly grateful for your leadership, clearly demonstrated in your refusal to let Americans down by abandoning efforts to reach agreement on a bipartisan emergency spending package. Americans, and American priorities, rely on the level of leadership you are providing as COVID-19 continues to take lives, breed suffering, and stymie urgently-needed medical, economic, and societal progress.

We are writing to urge you to continue to deliberate, knowing that providing emergency relief will make a profoundly important, positive difference for individuals and communities across our nation.

In addition to protecting families from financial ruin, restoring jobs, and hastening an end to COVID-19, we firmly believe this emergency package should prevent further erosion in U.S.-driven medical progress and job-producing R&D. The pandemic has made deep incursions into the resources our nation uses to seed medical progress and lay 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 nation back on track to medical and economic progress.

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

Sincerely,



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