

June 18, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member DeGette:

The undersigned organizations, representing patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, and industry are pleased to support the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6). We commend you for your leadership and vision in recognizing the critical importance of maintaining funding for medical research as a national priority. In particular, we are deeply grateful for the provisions that would reauthorize the NIH for three years at funding levels that represent an increase of \$1.5 billion per year, and provide \$10 billion over the next five years in mandatory funding through an NIH Innovation Fund. This is a most welcome infusion of funding that will help revitalize and rebuild our nation's biomedical research capacity, which has eroded because of NIH losing nearly one-fourth of its budget after inflation in the past decade.

An important aspect of this Innovation Fund is that it supplement, not replace, the regular appropriations for NIH, and we commit to work with Congress to ensure that the Innovation Fund enhances the base NIH budget as intended.

Recognizing the urgency of finalizing the bill before the next federal fiscal year, we urge all House Members to co-sponsor the bill, and we call upon the House leadership to move H.R. 6 to floor consideration as quickly as possible.

Again, we thank you and your staff for your tireless efforts to accelerate scientific discovery in the service of improved health, and we look forward to continuing to work with you as this legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

Academy of Radiology Research
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alliance for Aging Research
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Radiology (ACR)
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Lung Association
American Physiological Society
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Transplantation (AST)
American Thoracic Society
American Veterinary Medical Association
Americans for Medical Progress
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities (AAU)
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Baylor College of Medicine
Biophysical Society
Boston University School of Medicine
Brown University
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Cornell University
CreakyJoints
Duke University School of Medicine
Emory University
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Heart Failure Society
Houston Methodist Research Institute
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Johns Hopkins University

Lupus Foundation of America
Mended Hearts
Medical Library Association
Michigan State University
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Coalition for Cancer Research
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
North American Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
NYU Langone Medical Center
Oregon Health & Science University
Oxalosis Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Parkinson's Action Network
Pediatric Congenital Heart Association
Pediatric Stroke Network
Penn Medicine
Penn State College of Medicine
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Research!America
SADS Foundation
Saint Francis Care in Hartford Connecticut
Society for Neuroscience
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine
SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse
Texas Society for Biomedical Research
Tulane University
University of California
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine Health
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Hawai'i
University of Kansas
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
University of Michigan
University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

University of North Carolina School of Medicine
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas
University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston (utmbHealth)
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Toledo
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Western Michigan University