

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  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member DeGette:

The undersigned organizations, representing patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, and industry are pleased to support the 21<sup>st</sup> 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