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Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member DeLauro and Ranking
Member Murray,

As members of Research!America, the nation's largest nonprofit alliance committed
to advancing health through research, we are writing to thank you and your
respective staff members for securing robust funding increases for medical and
public health research in the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Your extraordinary efforts are reflected in the unprecedented \$3 billion increase for
the National Institutes of Health and in meaningful budget increases for other
crucially important research agencies within the Department of Health and Human
Services. These increases empower our nation to advance myriad objectives, from
restoring health and saving lives, to growing jobs and bolstering global economic
competitiveness, to preventing disease and the human and fiscal toll it exacts.

The Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations process is underway, but we wanted to be sure
you and the staff members who assist you know how much we appreciate what you
have already accomplished. Because of your hard work and vision, the multi-faceted
benefits of science will accrue faster to America and Americans, and that is
profoundly important. Our nation is well-served by your stewardship over crucial
federal funding priorities.

Sincerely,

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