

The Honorable André Carson U.S. House of Representatives 2135 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Suzan DelBene U.S. House of Representatives 2330 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joyce Beatty U.S. House of Representatives 2079 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick U.S. House of Representatives 271 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lloyd Smucker U.S. House of Representatives 302 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Carson, DelBene, Fitzpatrick, Smucker, and Beatty,

On behalf of Research! America, the nation's largest not-for-profit advocacy and public education alliance committed to faster medical and public health progress, thank you for introducing <u>H.Res.1458</u>, a bipartisan resolution designating September 16-20, 2024, as "Medical Research Week". We genuinely appreciate this meaningful effort to raise awareness of the essential contributions medical research makes to advancing individual and public health, fostering economic growth, and maintaining the United States' leadership in science and innovation.

Congress plays an essential role in advancing U.S. medical research by providing robust federal funding for the National Institutes of Health and other research agencies and establishing policies that strengthen our nation's multi-sector heath research ecosystem. We are grateful for leadership in these arenas as exemplified by H.Res.1458.

As we extend our thanks to you, we also thank your respective staff members for their hard work on behalf of us all. Please know that we stand ready to assist as you consider further actions aimed at blistering medical research to drive lifesaving progress.

Sincerely,

Mary Woolley President and CEO Research!America

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