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Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

Thank you for your leadership and service to our nation. I am reaching out to express deep concern over reports that the Department of Defense (DoD) is considering reprogramming FY25 funding for the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) to the Defense Health Agency's Operations & Maintenance (O&M) account under a long-term continuing resolution (CR). This shift would jeopardize critical medical research that directly benefits service members, veterans, and the broader public.

CDMRP has a proven track record of delivering groundbreaking medical advancements. To highlight its impact, we have compiled this <u>document</u> from DoD's CDMRP website showcasing CDMRP's extraordinary contributions to force readiness and protection, the health of service members and their loved ones, and medical progress benefiting us all.

I also wanted to share <u>anomaly language</u>, proposed by the Defense Health Research Consortium that would safeguard CDMRP funding under a long-term CR. Research!America strongly encourages you to champion inclusion of this language in any final CR to ensure CDMRP's critical research programs remain protected.

Thank you again and please extend our appreciation to your staff members for your efforts on behalf of us all.