

July 30, 2010

The Honorable Herbert H. Kohl
Committee on Appropriations
Agriculture Subcommittee
United States Senate
330 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Sam Brownback
Committee on Appropriations
Agriculture Subcommittee
United States Senate
303 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Committee on Appropriations
Agriculture Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Committee on Appropriations
Agriculture Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Kohl, Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Brownback and Ranking Member Kingston:

On behalf of over 40 organizations representing millions of patients, caregivers, health care providers, medical educators, and biomedical researchers, we ask you to **support the \$25 million allocated to Regulatory Science** in President Obama's FY11 budget request.

Each year, billions of dollars are designated to biomedical research, aimed at bringing new treatments and hope to patients and families fighting illness.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) serves as the nexus between medical research and clinical application. Regulatory Science aims to develop, assess and provide new, validated tools and approaches to better evaluate the utility of new medical products.

The advancement of Regulatory Science at FDA is critical to ensure the safety and efficacy of new drugs and to foster the innovation of new therapies. However, without further development of FDA Regulatory Science programs, the full potential of biomedical research may be stifled.

The undersigned organizations are dedicated to this initiative and the promise it holds in helping patients. We ask you to join us in that commitment.

Sincerely,

Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure – ABC²
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
The ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Diabetes Association
American Heart Association

American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Stroke Association
Arthritis Foundation
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Avon Foundation for Women
C-Change
CHADD – Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
COPD Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
FasterCures
Friends of Cancer Research
Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus
Lance Armstrong Foundation
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lymphoma Research Foundation
The Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation
March of Dimes Foundation
Melanoma Research Alliance
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Health Council
National Lung Cancer Partnership
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Parkinson's Action Network
PKD Foundation
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Society for Women's Health Research
Susan G. Komen for the Cure Advocacy Alliance