



June 16, 2016

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the Biophysical Society, I am writing to thank you and the entire Senate Appropriations Committee for approving the \$2 billion increase included in the subcommittee's FY 2017 spending bill for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Your leadership and bipartisan work on supporting NIH funding has been noticed by the scientific community and is greatly appreciated. As you know, the biomedical research is at the heart of our future health and is critical in ensuring we continue our leadership in medical research and innovation.

The Biophysical Society, a professional, scientific Society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics, has 9000 members. They teach and conduct research in colleges, universities, laboratories, government agencies, and industry.

We will be advocating that the House Appropriations Committee follow your lead. Please let us know if the Society can be of assistance in getting this bill approved by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Scarlata (handwritten signature)

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