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Representative Tom Cole
Chairman
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Representative Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education,
and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

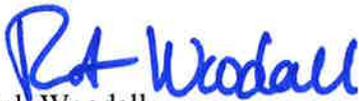
Please accept this letter as a programmatic funding request for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the amount of \$33.1 billion for Fiscal Year 2017.

As you know, adequate funding for the NIH is essential for our nation to remain at the forefront of advanced biomedical research. Our world-class research universities, like Georgia's Emory University, the University of Georgia, and Georgia Regents University, work with our cutting-edge health care providers at places like Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to train the brightest scientific minds in the world, and it is my hope that with increased financial support for the NIH, those scientists will stay in the United States and find cures for diseases that afflict millions of Americans.

The NIH is the world's premier medical research facility, but we must support its proper funding level if it is to continue being a leader on the world stage. I realize that increased NIH funding must be paid for, however, and I hope that the Subcommittee will find an appropriate offset to ensure that the NIH receives the funding that it deserves and that American taxpayer dollars are used wisely.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact my Legislative Director, Janet Rossi, at janet.rossi@mail.house.gov or at 225-4272.

Sincerely,



Rob Woodall
Member of Congress

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