

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 17, 2013

The Honorable C.W. Bill Young  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307, The Capitol  
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The Honorable Peter Visclosky  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Young and Ranking Member Visclosky,

This year, nearly 238,590 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and it is estimated that 29,720 men will die from this disease. As you consider the FY 2014 Defense Appropriations legislation, we write to respectfully request you provide \$80 million for the Department of Defense (DOD) Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP).

Since 1996, the Committee has been instrumental in advancing prostate cancer research by funding the DOD Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program for prostate cancer. The DOD has a long history of performing medical research studies and because of its administrative structure has demonstrated an ability to be flexible and quickly adjust responses to changing needs and priorities. The PCRP is the gold standard in prostate cancer research and an integral warrior in the national fight against prostate cancer.

Federal funding for prostate cancer research has accounted for, on average, only 5 percent of our nation's annual cancer research budget even though it is responsible for about 15 percent of all cancer cases and about 15 percent of cancer deaths in men. The federal effort falls short of what is needed to save American lives.

We request a fiscal year 2014 appropriation of \$80 million for the Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program at DOD. Among other initiatives, this funding for the program would be used to:

1. Identify new prostate cancer specific biomarkers that would radically change early diagnosis of prostate cancer;
2. Fast forward discovery of new targeted medicines, vaccines and antibodies against the distinguishable types of human prostate cancer;
3. Increase access of U.S. men to innovative new experimental treatments in early clinical trials.

Please join us in making prostate cancer research, awareness and early detection a national health care priority by ensuring that adequate resources are available for the DOD PCRP. We recognize

the difficult task ahead of your subcommittee in setting priorities among the many needs of our nation, but we sincerely appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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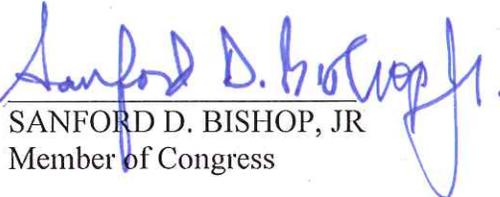
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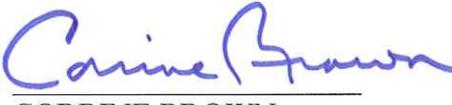
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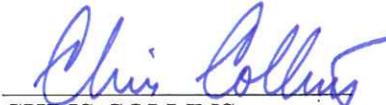
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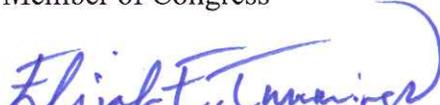
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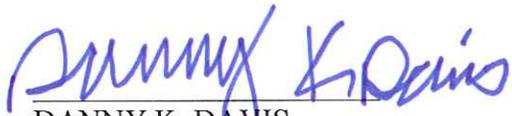
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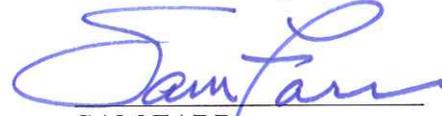
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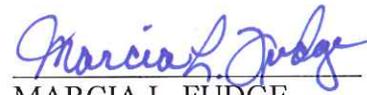
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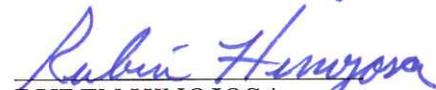
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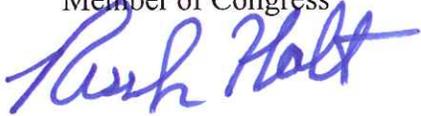
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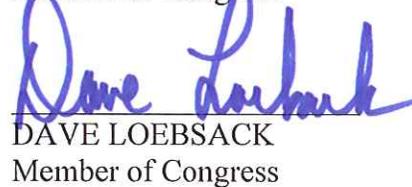
  
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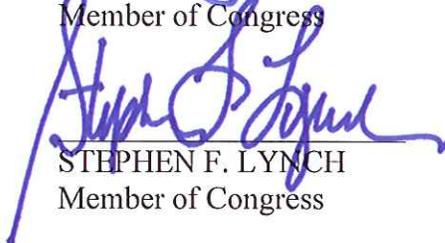
  
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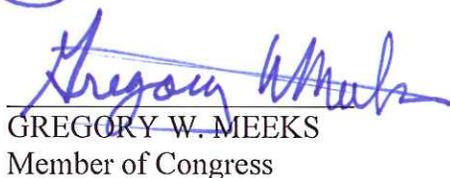
  
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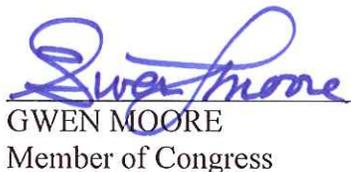
  
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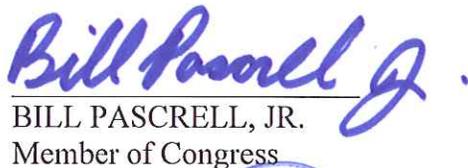
  
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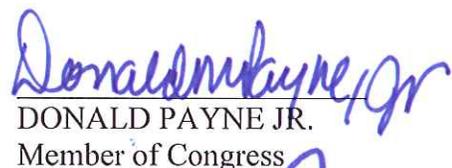
  
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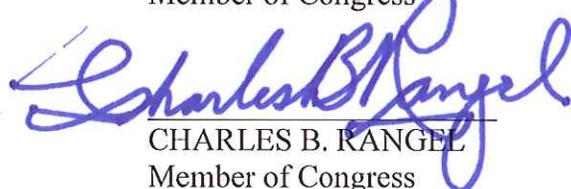
  
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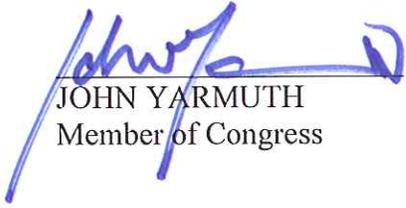
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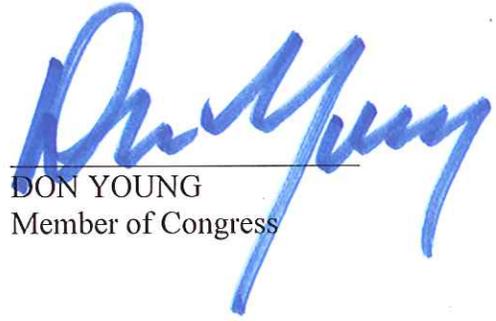
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