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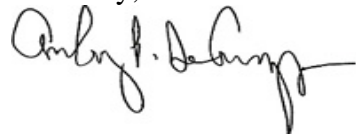
The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman, Health, Education,
Labor and Pensions
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Health, Education,
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154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray,

The Council on Governmental Relations (COGR), an association of over 190 leading research universities and affiliated academic medical centers and research institutes, greatly appreciates the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee's efforts to move the 21st Century Cures legislation forward. COGR appreciates and supports funding for NIH Innovation Projects and academic regulatory reform provisions aimed at reducing administrative burden for researchers that were also included in the Promoting Biomedical Research and Public Health for Patients Act. COGR believes the Research Policy Board recommended by the National Academies Committee on Federal Research Regulations and Reporting Requirements in its report "Optimizing the Nation's Investment in Academic Research," and included in the Cures legislation, is critical to reducing unnecessary and costly regulatory requirements associated with federally funded academic research while ensuring accountability and proper government oversight. Our organization urges Senate passage of the 21st Century Cures Act in this session.

Sincerely,



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