

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations

May 20, 2019

Dear Chair DeLauro,

On behalf of the Endocrine Society, thank you for your leadership in providing much-needed increases in funding in the fiscal year 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Title X.

The Endocrine Society is the world's oldest and largest professional organization of endocrinologists representing more than 18,000 members worldwide. The Society's membership includes basic and clinical scientists who receive support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund research on endocrine diseases that affect millions of Americans, such as diabetes, thyroid disorders, cancer, infertility, aging, obesity and bone disease. Our membership also includes clinicians who depend on new scientific advances to better treat and cure these diseases. We are dedicated to promoting excellence in research, education, and clinical practice in the field of endocrinology.

A \$2 billion increase to the NIH will enable more discoveries that will help us understand and develop therapies for endocrine diseases and also provide support for the next generation of endocrine researchers. An increase of \$921 million for the CDC will help improve the accuracy and reliability of hormone testing and advance prevention efforts to reduce the prevalence of diabetes. An additional \$114 million for the Title X Family Planning program will ensure that reproductive health services are available to more of the over 4 million people who depend on Title X funded centers.

These funding increases will help address critical needs by supporting public health infrastructure, advancing research, and assuring high-quality, evidence-based, and patient-centered family planning care. For our member scientists, clinicians, and the patients we serve, thank you again for your leadership and strong commitment to science and public health.

Sincerely,



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