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Letter to the editor: Act would boost funding for cancer research

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The 21st Century Cures Act being considered in Congress would create an “innovation fund” of \$2 billion per year for five years to be added to regular appropriations for the National Institutes of Health and National Cancer Institute.

It provides for grants to support younger scientists and accelerates research on promising new projects and theories. The bill has bipartisan support with an opportunity for passage without gridlock.

If you want research for discoveries to prevent and control cancer to be increased, write to members of Congress and urge approval of this legislation. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network has an online link to volunteer and contact members of Congress.

You can use it to ask for the 21st Century Cures Act to be enacted to provide this major increase of funding for cancer research.