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Letter to the editor: Rep. Cole instrumental in landing more cancer research funds

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Oklahoma U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, through his inspiring and perceptive leadership, has given the nation a greater opportunity to accomplish scientific research needed to prevent and control cancer.

He was a principal leader in Congress for its final bipartisan approval of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for fiscal 2016. It provides substantial increases for research at the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control.

The law increases appropriations for the National Cancer Institute to \$5.2 billion, giving much-needed additional funding for the most promising basic bio-medical research and translational research to defeat cancer.

Stephenson Cancer Center at the University of Oklahoma and its scientists will share in this vital new research funding through grants from the National Cancer Institute. Thank you, Congressman Cole, for helping the nation and Oklahoma invest more in bio-medical research to save lives and win out over cancer.

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