

## **TULSA WORLD**

### **Letter to the editor: Biomedical research receives a boost**

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Oklahoma U.S. Reps. Tom Cole and Frank Lucas, and Sens. Jim Inhofe and James Lankford joined with other representatives and senators in Congress in a strong bipartisan vote to approve the fiscal 2017 budget and appropriations act and advance biomedical research.

The appropriations provide for a major increase of federal government funding of the National Institutes of Health, including a 9 percent increase of appropriations to the National Cancer Institute for the national cancer program to prevent and control cancer.

This increase in funding will bring more NIH/NCI financial support to scientists and institutions in Oklahoma who are trying very hard to beat cancer.

Thanks go to Cole, Lucas, Inhofe and Lankford for enacting this important legislation to accelerate research and scientific discovery that will save lives of Oklahomans.

Editor's note: Miers is director of the Charlene Miers Foundation for Cancer Research.