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Senator Tom Harkin
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National Cancer Institute Appropriation FY 2013
\$ 5,400,000,000

Dear Senator Harkin,

We urge you as a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate to appropriate at least \$5,400,000,000 to the National Cancer Institute for Fiscal Year 2013.

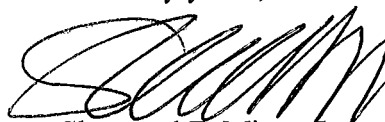
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More than 577,000 Americans are expected to die of cancer in 2012, which is one death in the United States every minute due to cancer. 1,600,000 people in the U. S. will be diagnosed to have cancer this year. Cancer causes economic loss of more than 250 billion dollars annually. The personal challenges and anguish incurable cancer is inflicting on individuals and families in your state and across the United States is immeasurable.

For FY 2013 we ask that at least \$5,400,000,000 be appropriated to the National Cancer Institute to carry out its plans for how to control and cure cancer. That includes life saving expenditures for the new NCI Provocative Questions Project, increased research grants for break-through discovery, and more effective cancer prevention and control programs. Congress should fund the National Cancer Program at the level recommended by our National Cancer Institute scientists.

Increased National Cancer Institute funding in FY 2013 is a vital U.S. health policy investment. It is urgently needed for complex research and innovation to prevent, control and cure cancer, save lives and end losses from the disease. **Please support and vote for an appropriation of at least \$5,400,000,000 to the National Cancer Institute for Fiscal Year 2013.**

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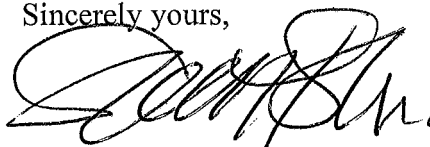
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