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Senator Tom Harkin
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: National Cancer Institute Appropriation
\$5.26 Billion/FY 2015

Dear Senator Harkin,

Please vote as a member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, and Subcommittee for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, to appropriate \$5,260,000,000 to the National Cancer Institute in FY 2015.

Cancer will take the lives of 585,000 individuals in the United States in 2014. An estimated 1.6 million individuals will be diagnosed with cancer this year.

The National Cancer Institute leads our National Cancer Program on the most promising research to discover how to more effectively prevent, control and treat cancer.

The best U.S. scientists, institutions and research projects can make this urgently needed discovery if increased funding is appropriated by Congress for investment in it.

It is a priority investment in science and the health of Americans. We ask you to approve an appropriation to the National Cancer Institute of \$5,260,000,000 for FY 2015.

Very truly yours,



Sheppard F. Miers, Jr.