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The ongoing research of the NIH, CDC and DOD is vital to combating, controlling and potentially eliminating chronic disease. In addition to shortening and diminishing people's quality of life, chronic disease also contributes to the enormous cost of health care. It is for this reason that I have voted to double the NIH budget in the 1990s and I continue to support robust funding for medical research within the NIH, CDC and DOD.

You may be glad to know that the Stimulus Package that was passed earlier this Congress included \$10.4 billion for the NIH and is expected to fund over 38,800 research grants and projects. In addition, NIH departments and agencies have received increased funding for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) from Congress. For FY10, Congress approved over \$31 billion to support research within the NIH; this is an increase of \$692 million over FY09 funding levels. Specifically, the funding will be directed to the following efforts:

National Cancer Institute	\$5,103,388,000
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	\$3,096,916,000
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	\$1,808,100,000
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke	\$1,636,371,000
National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases	\$4,818,275,000
National Eye Institute	\$707,036,000
National Institute of Environmental and Health Sciences	\$689,781,000
National Institute on Aging	\$1,110,229,000
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	\$539,082,000
National Institute of Mental Health	\$1,489,372,000

For the CDC, Congress approved \$6.4 billion for FY10. This is in addition to \$1 billion provided for CDC programs in the Stimulus Package, including \$300 million for increased immunization programs to combat pandemic influenza. Specifically, Congress directed the funding to go to the following efforts:

Infectious Diseases	\$4,818,275,000
H1N1 Flu	\$156,344,000
Immunization Programs	\$496,847,000
Domestic HIV/AIDS Prevention and Research	\$727,980,000
Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric Diseases	\$72,896,000
Chronic Disease Prevention, Health Promotion and Genomics	\$931,292,000
Heart Disease and Stroke	\$56,221,000
Diabetes	\$65,998,000

Cancer Prevention and Control	\$370,346,000
Breast And Cervical Cancer	\$214,850,000
Colorectal Cancer	\$44,532,000
Ovarian Cancer	\$5,707,000
Prostate Cancer	\$13,638,000
Skin Cancer	\$2,190,000
Glaucoma	\$3,519,000
Alzheimer's Disease	\$1,846,000
Chronic Kidney Disease	\$2,132,000
School Health	\$57,645,000
Muscular Dystrophy	\$6,291,000
Arthritis, Psoriasis, Epilepsy, Lupus and Other Chronic Diseases	\$27,299,000
National Lupus Patient Registry	\$4,505,000
Fragile X	\$1,905,000
Spina Bifida	\$6,242,000
Autism	\$22,061,000
Blood Disorders such as hemophilia, thalassemia, anemia and hemochromatosis	\$19,912,000
Environmental Health and Injury Prevention	\$335,733,000
Asthma	\$30,924,000
Traumatic Brain Injury	\$6,152,000

Additionally, the DOD Defense Health Program has had \$1.25 billion appropriated for it by Congress for FY10. This is an increase of \$347 million over FY09. DOD Defense Health Research Program maintains a "bench to bedside" philosophy that aims to transform laboratory discoveries into clinical applications, making those treatments and innovations available to U.S. troops and civilian patients across the country as quickly as possible. These funds include:

Lou Gehrig's Disease	\$10,000,000
Autism	\$8,000,000
Bone Marrow Failure Disease	\$5,000,000
Breast Cancer	\$15,000,000
Duchene Muscular Dystrophy	\$5,000,000
Genetic Studies of Food Allergies	\$2,500,000
Global HIV Prevention	\$10,000,000
Gynecological Cancer Center	\$6,000,000
Integrative Cardiac Health Care	\$7,000,000
Multiple Sclerosis	\$6,000,000
National Diabetes Model Program	\$15,000,000
Pain and Neuroscience Center	\$8,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program	\$150,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program	\$20,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Lung Cancer Research	\$15,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Orthopedic Research	\$30,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Ovarian Cancer Research Program	\$25,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program	\$80,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Spinal Cord Research Program	\$15,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Vision Research	\$5,000,000
Prostate Cancer Center	\$4,000,000
Peer-Reviewed Neurofibromatosis Research	\$25,000,000
Parkinson's Research Program	\$25,000,000
Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health	\$500,000,000
Tuberous Sclerosis Complex	\$8,000,000
US Military Cancer Institute	\$5,000,000

You can find more information on how the Federal Government spends your money by visiting the House Appropriations Committee's website at http://republicans.appropriations.house.gov/.

In addition, I have cosponsored and voted in support of a number of bills that promote and improve medical research in America and raise awareness of chronic diseases facing Americans. The bills that I have cosponsored in the 111th Congress are:

H. Con Res. 40	Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and
	support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.
H. Con. Res. 60	Supporting the Observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
H. Con. Res. 109	Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the
	Nation's Capital and its transition to the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure
H C D 120	on June 6, 2009
H. Con. Res. 120	Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Women's Health Week
H. Con. Res. 158	Expressing support for the Designation of an Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer
H. Con. Res. 198	Recognizing Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury as the leading cause of death and
	disability in the United States for children and young adults from birth until 25
	years of age and endorsing the National Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury Plan to
	develop a seamless, standardized, evidence-based system of care universally
	accessible for all of these children, young adults, and their families, regardless of
	where they live in the country.
H. Res. 55	Expressing Support for the Designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month
H. Res. 349	Expressing support for designation of April 2009 as "National Autism Awareness
	Month" and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research into the causes
	and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with
	autism and those who care for individuals with autism.
H. Res. 437	Supporting the goals and ideals of Mental Health Month.
H. Res. 516	Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should
	issue a semi-postal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's
	disease
H. Res. 536	Expressing support for the HHT Foundation International's designation of a
	"National Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Month" and supporting
	efforts to educate the public about HHT
H. Res. 727	Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
H.Res. 771	Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day
H. Res. 971	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding guidelines for breast
11. 105. 771	cancer screening for women ages 40 to 49 that those guidelines should not prohibit
	an insurer from providing coverage for mammography services for women 40 to 49.
H. Res. 1056	Expressing support for designation of April as National Limb Loss Awareness
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H. Res. 1433	Expressing support for the designation of September 2010 as Blood Cancer
	Awareness Month
H. Res. 1485	Expressing support for designation of September 2010 as "National Prostate Cancer
	Awareness Month
H.R. 464	To provide for a 5-year State Children's Health Insurance Program reauthorization
	for coverage of low-income children, an expansion of child health care insurance
	coverage through tax fairness, and a health care Federalism initiative, and for other
	purposes
H.R. 745	Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act
H.R. 930	Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Research, Cure, and Care Act of 2009
H.R. 1032	Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act
H.R. 1079	Pulmonary Fibrosis Research Enhancement Act
H.R. 1189	Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment Act
H.R. 1205	Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act of 2009
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H.R. 1210	Arthritis Prevention, Control, and Cure Act of 2009
H.R. 1362	National Neurological Diseases Surveillance System Act of 2010
H.R. 1691	Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009
H.R. 1707	Helping HANDS for Autism Act of 2009
H.R. 1718	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat amounts paid for umbilical
	cord blood banking services as medical care expenses
H.R. 1740	Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act of 2009
H.R. 2408	Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act
H.R. 2458	Schoolchildren's Health Protection Act
H.R. 2560	Independence at Home Act of 2009
H.R. 2941	To reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and
	knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.
H.R. 2964	Mobile Mammography Promotion Act of 2009
H.R. 3668	To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes
	programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act
H.R. 4689	The National Alzheimer's Project Act

I have voted to support many more bills that promote and improve medical research and promote awareness. They are:

H. Con. Res. 14	Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week
H. Con. Res. 103	
	Supporting the goals and ideals of Malaria Awareness Day
H. Con. Res. 142	Supporting National Men's Health Week
H. Con. Res. 186	Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month
H. Con. Res. 268	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week, and for other
	purposes
H. Con. Res. 288	Supporting National Men's Health Week
H. Res. 35	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide
	increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research
H. Res. 69	Recognizing the need to continue research into the causes, treatment, education,
	and an eventual cure for diabetes, and for other purposes
H. Res. 112	Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red
	Day
H. Res. 178	Expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and
	support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month
H. Res. 192	Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2009
H. Res. 194	Supporting the goals of International Women's Day
H. Res. 373	Expressing support for designation of the month of September as "National
	Hydrocephalus Awareness Month"
H. Res. 407	Expressing support for designation of May as "National Asthma and Allergy
	Awareness Month"
H. Res. 611	Supporting the goals and ideals of "Fragile X Awareness Day"
H. Res. 692	Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month
H. Res. 787	Expressing support for designation of October 13, 2009, as National Metastatic
	Breast Cancer Awareness Day
H. Res. 863	Recognizing the scourge of pneumonia, urging the United States and the world to
	mobilize cooperation and focus resources to fight pneumonia and save children's
	lives, and recognizing November 2 as World Pneumonia Day
H. Res. 914	Supporting the observance of National Diabetes Month
H. Res. 1011	Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer
	during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health
	Awareness Month
H. Res. 1033	Expressing support for designation of April 2010 as "National Autism Awareness
	Month" and supporting efforts to devote resources to research into the causes and
	treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with
	autism and those who care for individuals with autism
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H. Res. 1039	Supporting the goals and ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red
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H. Res. 1116	Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week
H. Res. 1155	Commending the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs
H. Res. 1258	Expressing support for designation of May 2010 as Mental Health Month
H. Res. 1261	Recognizing National Nurses Week
H. Res. 1522	Expressing support for designation of the last week of September as National
	Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Week and the last Wednesday of September
	as National Previvor Day
H.R. 577	Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009
H.R. 632	To encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United
	States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing
	adults, and for other purposes
H.R. 756	National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009
H.R. 908	Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2009
H.R. 1380	Josh Miller HEARTS Act
H.R. 3155	Caregiver Assistance and Resource Enhancement Act
H.R. 1230	Acquired Bone Marrow Failure Disease Research and Treatment Act of 2010
H.R. 1347	Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act of 2010
H.R. 5220	Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act
H.R. 5462	Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010
H.R. 5756	Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide Act of 2010
S. 1793	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009
S. 2781	Rosa's Law

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