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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

On behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), thank you for your leadership in introducing the National Biomedical Research Act (S. 2624). The AAMC is pleased to endorse this bill, which addresses the central threat to the nation's medical research enterprise: the lack of sustained and predictable funding.

By providing steady and predictable funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), your legislation will help ensure that the nation's scientists and research institutions take full advantage of the exceptional scientific opportunities now available to meet current and emerging health challenges. We are particularly encouraged these funds also will be available to support early career scientists, improve the diversity of the biomedical research workforce, and support regulatory science.

The AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 145 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and more than 80 academic societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC serves the leaders of America's medical schools and teaching hospitals and their 148,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 115,000 resident physicians.

The AAMC's members and the entire nation owe a debt of gratitude to you for your tireless efforts to champion medical research as a national priority. Your unwavering support for medical research provides hope to the millions of Americans who suffer with disease and disability.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to develop a bipartisan consensus on strategies to bring NIH funding to appropriate levels to improve the health and well-being of all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell G. Kirch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darrell G. Kirch, M.D.

cc: Original cosponsors of S. 2624