

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Defense Subcommittee
House Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Pete Visclosky
Ranking Member
Defense Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Visclosky,

We write to respectfully request that the Committee adopt the \$50 million funding level passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) in as part of any omnibus spending bill for Fiscal Year 2015.

Created by Congress in Fiscal Year 2009, the PRCRP fosters groundbreaking cancer research relevant to service members and their families.

Longitudinal studies of cancer incidence have found that cancer incidence among service members and their families differ substantially from the overall population. For example, Department of Defense-published data shows that the military population has a higher incidence of melanoma, likely due to hazardous environments and intense sun exposure during deployments.

High costs for military medical care—projected to rise from \$48 billion in 2014 to \$70 billion in 2028—necessitate proactive investment in research to improve prevention, detection, and treatment of cancers that affect military personnel and their families. We know that the PRCRP has been effective in examining these issues through past research, and \$50 million in funding will surely build on important progress.

We thank you for your consideration of this important request and would greatly appreciate your support in providing \$50 million for the Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress

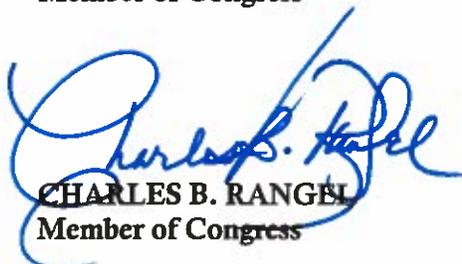
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