

U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Visclosky,

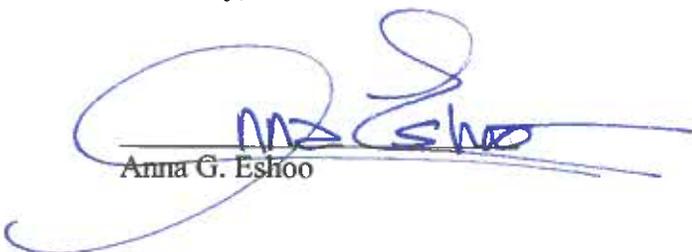
As you begin deliberations on the fiscal year 2015 Defense appropriations bill, we urge you to continue the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) and respectfully request that you continue to include pancreatic cancer as a disease eligible for research funding through this program.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of deaths from cancer. While survival rates for many other cancers have steadily improved, the pancreatic cancer survival rate is just seven percent. In fact, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate consistently in the single digits. This year, pancreatic cancer will kill more than 40,000 Americans, most of who will die within a year of their diagnosis. More troubling than these grim statistics are projections that pancreatic cancer is on pace to become the second leading cause of cancer-related death by 2020, just five years from now.

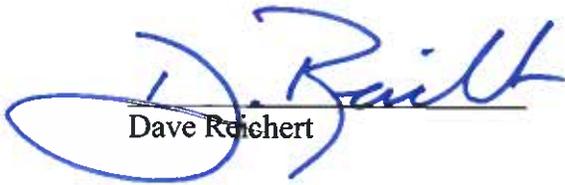
Since 2009, the PRCRP has supported innovative and competitive cancer research to benefit our military and civilian society populations. Pancreatic cancer research has been a part of PRCRP since fiscal year 2011, resulting in nineteen grants for a total of \$6.5 million in fiscal years 2011-2103. This funding has been used to improve early detection of pancreatic cancer, to better understand the prognosis of pancreatic cancer patients, and to improve the well-being of individuals with a pancreatic cancer diagnosis.

We respectfully request that you maintain pancreatic cancer as an area eligible for research funding in PRCRP. With your support, we can ensure that adequate resources are available for making pancreatic cancer research, early detection, and the well-being of cancer patients a national health care priority.

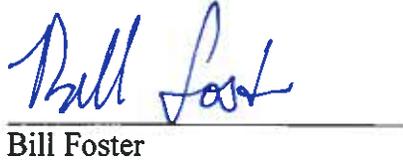
Sincerely,


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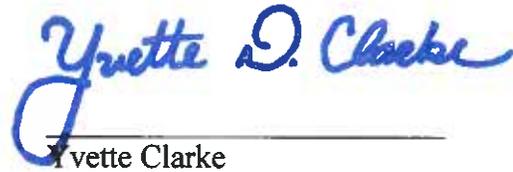

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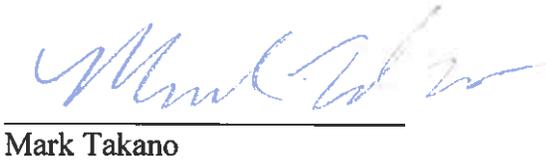

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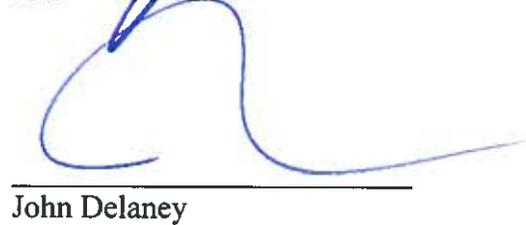

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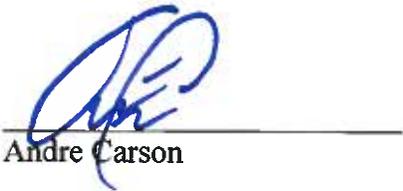

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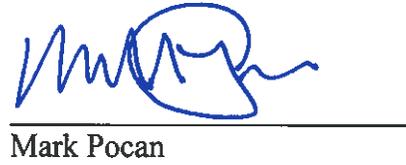

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