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Coalition to Promote Research

Organizations Committed to Promoting Public Health, Innovation
and Fundamental Knowledge Through Scientific Research

The Coalition to Protect Research (CPR) requests your support in upholding the integrity of the scientific merit review process. Our organizations ask that you oppose legislative amendments or language that seeks to restrict funding for peer-reviewed research.

- The scientific peer review process is the gold standard for determining the quality and relevance of grant proposals. Outside scientists from many of our nation's most prestigious universities with expertise in their fields of research make independent and objective evaluations of each proposal submitted to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Advisory councils with public representation also approve studies before they are funded by the NIH.
- Biomedical and behavioral research across the federal government has led to important advances in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of many public health challenges, including heart disease, cancer, obesity, and sexually transmitted diseases. Years of basic research were necessary before clinical applications are ready.
- Congress has an oversight responsibility to ensure that proper policies and procedures are in place to determine the allocation of scarce federal research funds. By protecting the scientific peer review system, Congress ensures that only high quality research will be funded with public dollars.

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