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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chair
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
H-405 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

As you begin to craft the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you include at least \$10 million in FY 2026 funding for the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP) at the Department of Defense (DoD).

Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) is a genetic condition that affects an estimated 50,000 Americans, causing tumors in the kidneys, lungs, liver, heart, eyes, skin, and brain. Researchers have linked TSC to seizures, autism spectrum disorder and severe intellectual disability. Research on TSC is also having a significant effect on our understanding of traumatic brain injury and other medical conditions like cancer and diabetes, and research at the TSCRCP is critical to ongoing progress.

From FY02 to FY24, Congress appropriated an aggregate of \$121 million for the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRCP) at DoD and has awarded 205 grants to TSC researchers. As approved by the House, the fiscal year 2025 Defense Appropriations Act included flat funding for the program at \$8 million.

This well-established program, which has enjoyed bipartisan support from Congress, awards grants competitively to cutting edge research proposals aimed at gaining a better understanding of this complex disorder. Research at the TSCRCP complements – and does not duplicate – ongoing studies on TSC supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Coordination between NIH and DoD is managed by a trans-NIH working group, led by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, with participation from eight separate Institutes, DoD and the TSC Alliance, representing the patient community.

While this research has led to significant breakthroughs, far more funding is needed if we hope to find ways to more effectively treat those who suffer with TSC and prevent its occurrence in future generations. Additional funding will enable the establishment of a TSC Clinical Trial Consortium. The TSCRCP's Strategic Plan calls for early investments in (1) hypothesis-generating

research and (2) development of the resulting new ideas into novel candidate therapeutics for treating TSC. The Strategic Plan also calls for (3) translation of these new ideas into the clinic through necessary research in animal models and into (4) clinical trials. Levels of TSCRP funding from FY02-FY24 have been demonstrably effective for the first three parts of the Strategic Plan and have funded pilot studies toward the fourth part. However, the current level of TSCRP funding is not sufficient for large clinical trials required to demonstrate conclusively the effectiveness of new candidate therapeutics.

Continued funding is also required to support clinical studies to validate biomarkers and outcome measurements necessary to accelerate development of new therapeutic agents, understand the biology underlying the wide variation in severity of manifestations among individuals with TSC, explore gene therapy, attract new researchers into this field of study, identify potential biomarkers that can be applied to newborn screening and develop assays and animal models necessary for translating basic scientific discoveries into clinical treatments.

To date, patient organizations have invested more than \$37 million in privately raised resources to the research effort. Ongoing support is necessary to move this research closer to ultimately finding a cure for tuberous sclerosis complex.

We firmly believe that Congress should match these private sector commitments, and we urge you to appropriate \$10 million in necessary funding to continue the TSCRP in FY2026. We are extremely grateful for the support your subcommittee has provided over the years for the TSCRP.

Sincerely,



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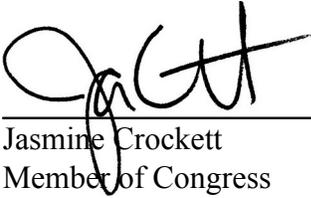
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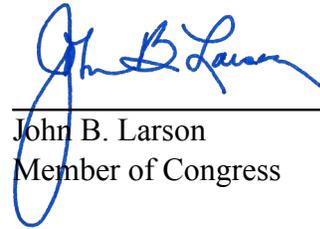
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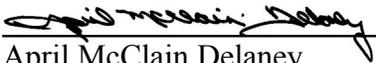
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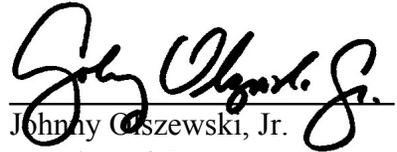
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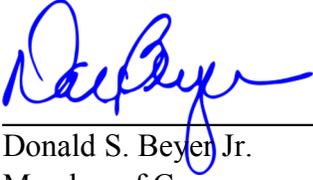
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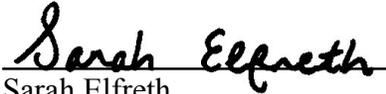
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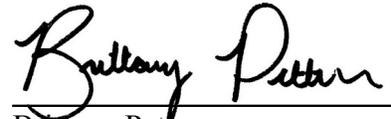
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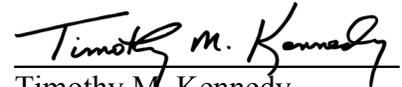

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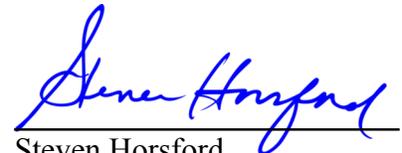

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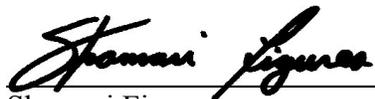
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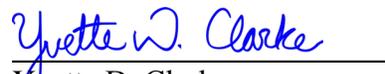
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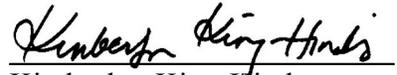
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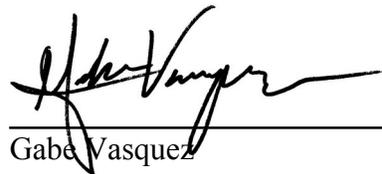
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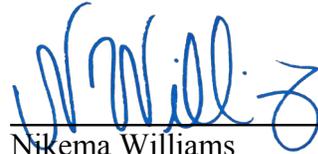
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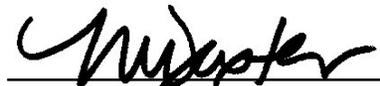
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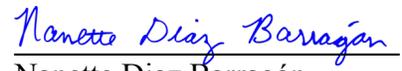
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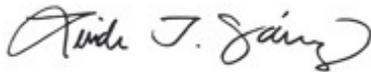
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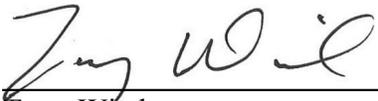
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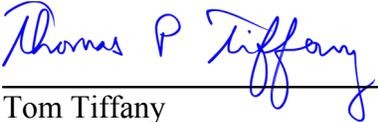
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