



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

July 11, 2017

The Honorable Charlie Dent  
2082 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dent:

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## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Honorable Elise Stefanik  
318 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stefanik:

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The Honorable Fred Upton  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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2437 Rayburn House Office Building  
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326 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
2206 Rayburn House Office Building  
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## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

July 11, 2017

The Honorable Dave Joyce  
1124 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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229 Cannon House Office Building  
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## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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