



Neuroscience Working Table

Working Together to Achieve a Neuroscience Center of Excellence

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Collins,

We write to express our deep gratitude for your leadership in championing the inclusion of \$3 million in funding and accompanying report language in support of the Neurology Drug Program at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the Senate Appropriations Committee's draft fiscal year (FY) 23 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. We recognize you were instrumental in the inclusion of this language and are very thankful for the investment it would be into improving FDA's capacity and capability to further neuroscience guidance and accelerate innovation.

As you know, conditions of the brain impact more than 100 million individuals in the U.S. who live with brain diseases, mental health conditions, and brain injuries. However, despite the tremendous burden of brain diseases, mental health conditions, and brain injuries, there remains a dearth of treatment options.

Research and development for conditions of the brain are hindered by high costs and associated risks. But more streamlined and transparent regulatory processes have the potential to mitigate these concerns and help deliver the critical, life-improving treatments that individuals living with brain diseases, mental health conditions, and brain injuries so desperately need.

Your advocacy and inclusion of the Neurology Drug Program in the draft FY 2023 appropriations bill can help improve the lives of millions of Americans; for that, we are very grateful.

We also thank you for your leadership on S. 3427, the *Neuroscience Center of Excellence Act*. We believe the Neurology Drug Program will further the goals of S. 3427.

We look forward to working with you to include Neurology Drug Program in the final appropriations bill as we continue to toward the goal of speeding the delivery of safe and effective treatments for individuals living with brain diseases, mental health conditions, and brain injuries.

Best,
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