



# Neuroscience Working Table

Working Together to Achieve a Neuroscience Center of Excellence

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Luján,

We write to express our deep gratitude for your leadership in authoring S. 3427, the *Neuroscience Center of Excellence Act*, which would require the establishment of a Neuroscience Center of Excellence (NCOE) at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

We are also writing to request that you support the inclusion of \$3 million in funding and accompanying report language for the Neurology Drug Program at the FDA in the Senate Appropriations Committee's draft fiscal year (FY) 23 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. This investment would be critical to help improve 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 these diseases, conditions, and 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.

Thank you for your continued support and for championing greater investment in brain health by sponsoring S. 3427. We look forward to continuing to work with you to include the Neurology Program in the final appropriations bill, help you pass S. 3427, and work together towards the goal of speeding the delivery of safe and effective treatments for individuals living with brain diseases including mental health conditions, and brain injuries.

Best,  
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