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HELP FIGHT PROSTATE CANCER!

Dear Colleague,

One in every seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point in his lifetime. In fact, more than 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the next year, and it is estimated that over 26,000 more men will die from the disease. Prostate cancer is the second leading cancer-related cause of death for men in the United States.

Although prostate cancer results in 15 percent of cancer deaths in men annually, only 5 percent of our nation's cancer research budget is devoted to the study of this disease. While these statistics are sobering, funding for the Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) at the Department of Defense has led to some of the most cutting edge research on prostate cancer in the United States. Because the PCRP funds high risk, high reward research, the funding can leverage further research at the National Institutes of Health and accelerate research through the clinical trial process.

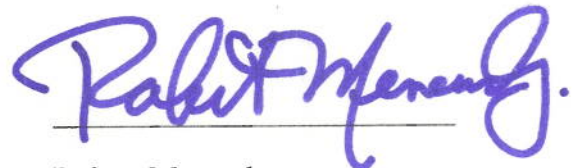
Please help fight against the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in America by signing the attached letter to Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Cochran and Ranking Member Durbin requesting they maintain support in FY2017 for the Peer-Reviewed Prostate Cancer Research Program at DOD.

If you have any questions or want to sign this letter, please contact Amanda Newton in Senator Crapo's office at 224-6142 or Amanda_Newton@Crapo.Senate.Gov or Stephen Lieberman in Sen. Menendez's office at 224-4744 or Stephen_Lieberman@Menendez.Senate.Gov.

Thank you,



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