March (enter date), 2021

Dear [name of the Member of Congress],

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to address the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. More than one year after the first case of COVID-19 was reported, lives are continuing to be lost and families, communities, and economies devastated across our nation and around the globe.

During this difficult time, we must expand research on the federal level.

Earlier this week, Representatives Diana DeGette (D-CO), Fred Upton (R-MI), and 75 of their colleagues from both sides of the aisle in the House introduced the Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act (H.R.869). Senators Edward Markey (D-MA) and Thom Tillis (R-NC), along with Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Gary Peters (D-MI), introduced a bipartisan companion bill (S.289) in the Senate.

The RISE Act would authorize approximately $25 billion in emergency relief for federal research agencies. This crucial funding will help prevent life-saving medical, public health, and scientific progress from becoming another of COVID-19's victims.

The pandemic has had such a disastrous effect across our nation. Please help protect research progress and cosponsor the RISE Act. If you have already signed on, thank you!

I greatly appreciate the hard work you and your staff members are devoting to your constituents and our nation as a whole.

Sincerely,

[Signature]