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The Honorable Richard Durbin United States Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

On behalf of Boston University (BU), I would like to thank you for your support of biomedical research and leadership in reintroducing the American Cures Act. The BU Medical Campus supports this bill, which would provide much needed sustained and predictable funding increases for the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Defense Health Program, and Veterans Medical and Prosthetics Research Program.

BU faculty, students, and researchers are dedicated to making new advances in biomedical research. Your proposal recognizes that the failure to maintain the federal investment in medical research squanders invaluable scientific opportunities, threatens medical progress, and, and jeopardizes our nation's health and economic vitality.

We appreciate your steadfast support for the promise of medical research, which provides hope to the millions of Americans who suffer with disease and disability, by introducing the American Cures Act. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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