



April 18, 2014

The Honorable Diana DeGette
House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative DeGette,

I am writing to let you know that the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce including its affiliates, the Metro Denver Economic Corporation and the Colorado Energy Coalition, has joined a national coalition, Business for Federal Research Funding, to advocate for increased federal research funding. This Coalition represents a strong cross-section of the nation's business community, with broad geographic diversity among its members.

As you know, research and development at universities and federally funded laboratories in Colorado provides significant economic impact in our state and supports our innovation and job creation efforts. Our efforts and those of this coalition will focus on supporting key agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, NASA, and the Departments of Defense, Energy and Homeland Security as well as our research institutions here in Colorado.

Nearly 60 percent of funding for basic scientific research in the United States is provided by the federal government. Innovations that flow from university-based basic research are at the root of countless companies, products, technologies, innovations and jobs. We urge your support to fully fund research accounts in order to maximize the long-term growth prospects of our economy.

If you or your staff would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, we would be happy to do so at your convenience. Please feel free to contact me or Charles Ward, vice president of public affairs, at 303-620-8033 or charles.ward@denverchamber.org. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly J. Brough".

Kelly J. Brough
President and CEO
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Clark".

Tom Clark
President and CEO
Metro Denver Economic Corporation

