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Honorable Dennis Rehberg
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Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Rehberg and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I respectfully request the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies to include funding at the level of \$100 million for the newly-enacted Cures Acceleration Network in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012.

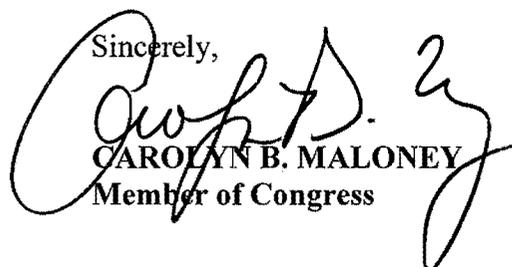
The Cures Acceleration Network (CAN), enacted in 2010, is a vital new approach to moving high need medical cures through the development pipeline faster – giving hope to millions of patients and their families throughout the country.

The CAN Act will reduce time between scientific discovery and development of promising new drugs and therapies, a goal with broad bipartisan support and the endorsement of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). CAN coordinates efforts of drug development stakeholders – including patient advocacy organizations, the Food and Drug Administration, and agencies outside of NIH – expediting discoveries from the lab into the next generation of therapies.

Now statutory language is needed to allow NIH to implement CAN, establish the CAN Board, analyze research needs, and begin the grant making process to ensure new drugs and therapies reach those who most need them. We therefore request language to provide that \$100 million shall be made available in FY2012 to implement section 402C of the Public Health Service Act, relating to the Cures Acceleration Network.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease, I thank you for your consistent support for medical innovation and the acceleration of life-saving new treatments and therapies for millions of Americans living with disease. I urge you to affirm this commitment by appropriating \$100 million in funding to support implementation of the Cures Acceleration Network.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress