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The Honorable Jim Cooper
1536 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Cooper and Lummis:

AARP is pleased to endorse the bipartisan Research for All Act of 2015. Your legislation will direct the FDA to require that the designs of clinical trials are sufficient to determine the safety and effectiveness for both men and women. AARP strongly supports the advancement of medical research for the prevention and treatment of serious diseases affecting people of all ages.

There are biological differences based on sex that range from diagnostic symptoms to effective treatment. Most medical research focuses on men despite there being physiological differences in reactions to drug treatments and disease management depending on sex. Medical research that is skewed towards men can result in incorrect diagnoses for women. AARP supports policies that ensure research include racial and ethnic minorities, women, and older adults, and that all entities are subject to data collection requirements in compliance with the standards set by the federal government.

AARP appreciates your bipartisan leadership to help improve access to medical research. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues important to older Americans. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact KJ Hertz on our Government Affairs staff at (202) 434-3770 or at khertz@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

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