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November 1, 1994

Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong
Chairman
Connecticut Affiliate, Inc.
American Heart Association
5 Brookside Drive
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

Dear Thomas:

Thank you for your letter highlighting the importance of federal funding of biomedical research for cardiovascular diseases. I value your input about this critical subject, and I have shared your letter with members of my staff so that they are made aware of your recommendations.

My Administration is committed to an aggressive strategy of more research, prevention, education, and treatment in finding ways to combat these devastating illnesses.

As we examine our nation's needs and prepare this year's federal budget, I will keep your views in mind.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON** A

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cc: Jeremy Ben-Ami

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**American Heart
Association**

Connecticut Affiliate, Inc.

August 31, 1994

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of the Connecticut Affiliate of the American Heart Association and supporter of the American Heart Association Mission, I strongly urge you to make biomedical research funding for cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, a top priority in your FY 1996 budget for the National Institute of Health. Despite progress, cardiovascular diseases remain America's No. 1 killer of men and women and a leading cause of disability. Heart attacks are the single largest cause of death in this nation, and stroke is America's third biggest killer and chief cause of serious disability.

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. Armstrong

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**American Heart
Association**

Connecticut Affiliate, Inc.

September 15, 1994

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Connecticut Affiliate of the American Heart Association urges you to make biomedical research funding for cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, a top priority in your FY 1996 budget for the National Institutes of Health.

Despite progress, cardiovascular diseases remain America's No. 1 killer of men and women and a leading cause of disability. Cardiovascular diseases cause a death every 34 seconds in the United States, killing more than 923,000 Americans each year.

Heart attack, the single largest cause of death in this nation, kills more than 5 times as many American women as breast cancer. Stroke is America's third biggest killer and the chief cause of serious disability. Women constitute about 60 percent of stroke deaths.

More than 1 in 5 Americans suffer from cardiovascular diseases at an estimated cost to this nation of \$128 billion in medical expenses and lost productivity in 1994. Stroke accounts for about \$20 billion of this amount. Yet, fewer federal research dollars are spent on cardiovascular diseases as compared with other major diseases. In FY 1993, the Department of Health and Human Services spent 36 times more on research funding per death of an AIDS victim than was spent per death of a victim of heart disease, according to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health. Similarly, with regard to dollars spent per death, AIDS research funding exceeded stroke research funding by 50 to 1; cancer research funding exceeded stroke research funding by 5 to 1 and heart disease research funding by 4 to 1. Please see the enclosed chart.

Promising research opportunities for innovative approaches to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, require a substantial increase in federal resources for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Your action is crucial in the battle against cardiovascular diseases, America's leading cause of death in this century.

Respectfully,

Thomas Armstrong, Esq.
Thomas Armstrong, Esq.
Chairman

Enclosure

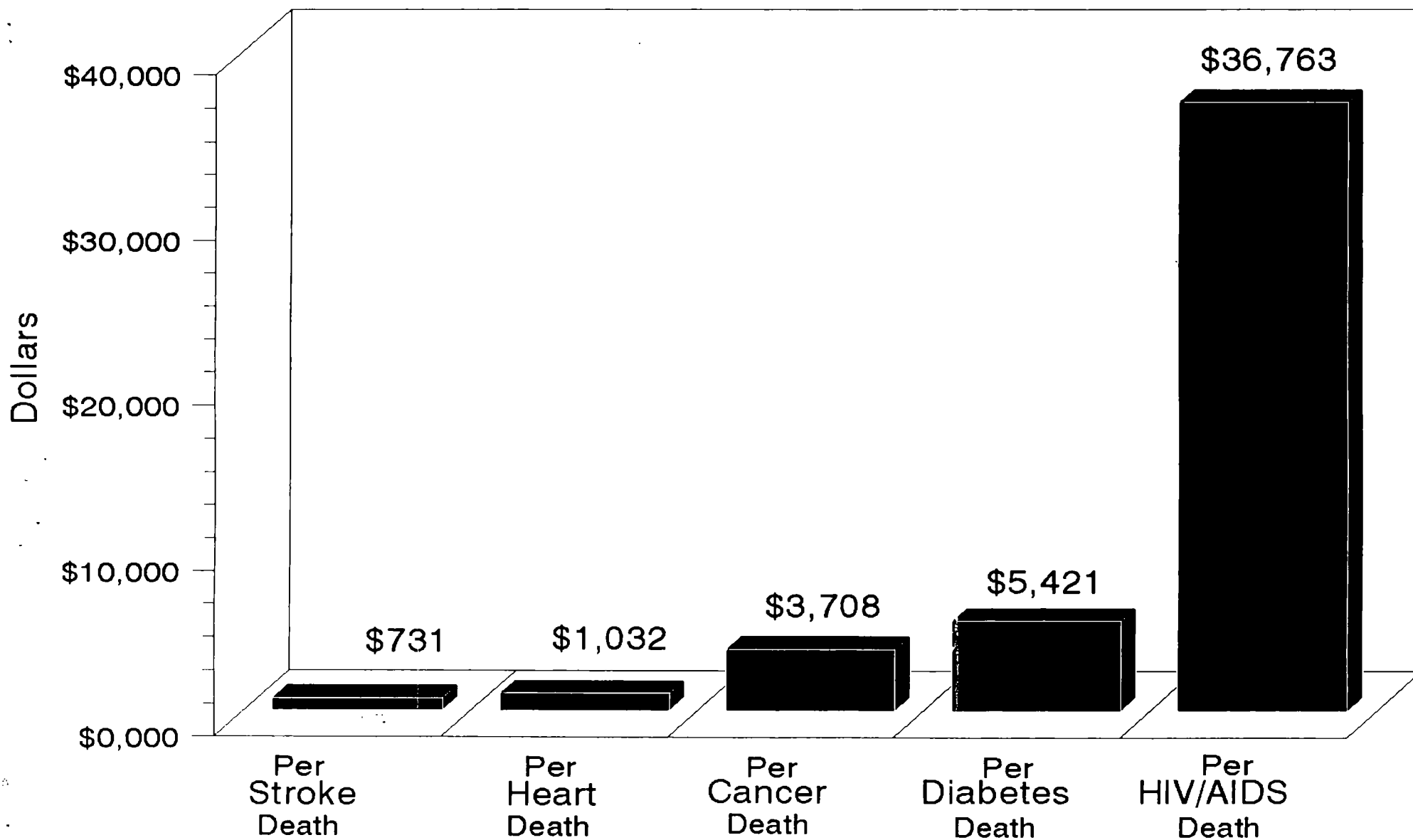
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HHS Research Funding: Dollars Spent per Death

FY 1993



Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
National Center for Health Statistics

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October 31, 1994

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Mark Vasilev

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Dear ^F9^:

Thank you for your letter highlighting the importance of federal funding of biomedical research for cardiovascular diseases. I value your input about this critical subject, and I have shared your letter with members of my staff so that they are made aware of your recommendations.

My Administration is committed to an aggressive strategy of more research, prevention, education, and treatment in finding ways to combat these devastating illnesses.

As we examine our nation's needs and prepare this year's federal budget, I will keep your views in mind.

Sincerely,

BC/MP/MM/ckb (Corres. #^F58^)
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cc: Jeremy Ben-Ami

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Jm

OCT 28 1994

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Batch Letter for Cardiovascular Research Funding
Melissa Peerless
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18 letters

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Thank you for your letter regarding biomedical research funding for cardiovascular diseases. I value your input about this crucial subject, and I have passed your letter along to members of my staff so that they are made aware of your recommendations.

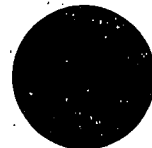
My Administration is aggressive with I share your commitment to an effective strategy of more research, prevention, education, and treatment in hopes of finding ways to combat finding a cure for these devastating illnesses.

A fiscally sound federal budget that invests in our nation's future must successfully balance many competing demands and responsibly prioritize our country's diverse needs. As we examine the budget is finalized, I will keep your views in mind. Our nation's critical needs when preparing this year's federal budget, I will keep this important issue in mind. your view and

cc: w/mc, JPP
Jeremy Ben-Ami

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OCT 27 1994



Batch Letter for Cardiovascular Research Funding
Melissa Peerless
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18 ~~21~~ letters

Thank you for your letter ^{regarding} ~~urging an increase in~~ biomedical research funding for cardiovascular diseases. I have passed your ^{letter} ~~concerns along to members of my staff who are formulating my budget proposal for fiscal year 1996 for the National Institutes of Health~~ so that they are made aware of your recommendations.

As cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more Americans each year, it is important that we devote the resources necessary to finding innovative treatment and prevention programs.

A fiscally sound federal budget that invests in our nation's future must successfully balance many competing demands and responsibly prioritize our country's diverse needs. As the budget is finalized, I will keep your views in mind.

I share your ^{commitment to} ~~concern~~ ~~interest~~ for an effective strategy of more research, prevention, education, and treatment in hopes of finding a cure for these devastating illnesses. I value your input about this crucial ~~area of~~ subject, and I have ...

MONICA-

Here is an attempt
at the batch
letter for heart
research. Hope it is
OK. Melissa

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Elsie O'Neal
or
Clandia Cooley
Exec. Sec.

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memo to
Nancy-Ann Minn
fax 5-7229

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M E M O R A N D U M

Date: 10/4/9

From: Melissa Peerless for
MONICA MULLENS
PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDENCE
ROOM 93

PHONE: 456-5519
FAX: 456-2806

To: CLAUDIA COOLEY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Re: Please ask someone in your department to prepare a draft response from the president to this letter. We have received 17 letters regarding this subject, mainly from people associated with the American Heart Association. Please return the draft to Monica Mullens when you have finished. Thank you for your help.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



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Date September 27, 1994

To Nancy - Ann Wynn

FAX Number 5-7229

Comments _____

From Melissa Puentes

MEMORANDUM THROUGH MONICA MULLENS

TO: NANCY-ANN MIN

FROM: Melissa Peerless

SUBJECT: Draft Letter Response to Letters Regarding
Biomedical Research Funding for Cardiovascular
Diseases

Please have someone in your office prepare a draft response to the attached letter. We have received approximately 20 letters from American Heart Association chapters and volunteers concerning this issue and would like to group them in a batch. Please fax the draft to me at 6-2806. Please call me at 6-5509 with any questions. Thank you for your help.

Attachment

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Date October 4, 1994

To Georgia County

FAX Number 690-7203

Comments

From

Melissa Lewis

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Date October 6, 1994

To Diane

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FAX Number 5-7289

Comments Here's the draft response to the letters
from American Heart Association affiliates
regarding funding for biomedical research for
cardiovascular diseases. Please call Monica
Mullens at 05519 with any questions - fax her the
From completed response when it is ready (0-2806fax)

Thank you for your help. Melissa Reeves