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Mr. Paul Tubiana
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Dear Mr. Tubiana:

Thank you for writing to me about increased funding for Diabetes research. I appreciate hearing from you, especially as this is an issue close to your heart, and I welcome the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

As you know, Diabetes is a chronic disease and the leading cause of kidney failure, blindness, and non-traumatic amputations, as well as a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. I am concerned for the millions of Americans who are affected by this disease which often keeps children and adults alike from enjoying the same activities as others.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders (NIDDK) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) supports and conducts a broad array of biomedical research to find treatment and prevention methods and cures for many disorders and diseases, including Diabetes. Please be assured that I will continue to strongly support funding for biomedical research at the NIH.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I assure you that I have carefully noted your comments and I will keep them in mind when the Senate considers funding for the NIH for Fiscal Year 2005.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me. I genuinely value what my constituents have to say and I hope that you will continue to keep in touch on issues of importance to you. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to call my Washington, D.C. staff at (202) 224-3841.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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