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by email

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member DeGette:

The American Association of Immunologists (AAI), the nation's largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who are dedicated to understanding the immune system through basic research, resulting in improved means to prevent, treat, and cure disease, greatly appreciates your diligent work over the last three years crafting legislation designed to strengthen the nation's biomedical research enterprise.

AAI understands that a revised version of the 21st Century Cures Act, legislation which you co-authored, will be considered by the House of Representatives later this week. This legislation will provide NIH with an additional \$4.8 billion over 10 years through a new Innovation Account. It is our understanding that the Cures Act tends a critically important