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The Honorable Ed Markey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Gary Peters
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Markey, Tillis, Peters, and Collins,


On behalf of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), I wish to express our support for S. 289 the “Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act.” We applaud your efforts to reinvigorate crucial federal research projects and pursuits which have been limited by the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

AAOS is particularly supportive of the \$10 billion that would be directed to the National Institutes of Health, which houses the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), and the \$3 billion that would be directed to the Department of Defense, which houses the Peer-Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program (PRORP).

NIAMS supports research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, the training of basic and clinical scientists to carry out this research, and the dissemination of information on research progress in these diseases. The goal of PRORP is to help military surgeons address the leading burden of injury and loss of fitness for military duty by finding new limb-sparing techniques to save injured extremities, avoid amputations, and preserve and restore the function of injured extremities as eighty-two percent of injuries from military exercises involve the extremities – often severe and multiple injuries to the arms and legs.

I thank you for your leadership and introduction of RISE Act to ensure critical research efforts continue to advance. AAOS appreciates and recognizes your substantial efforts to advance this hugely impactful funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel K. Guy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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