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## Securing a \$2 Billion Increase for the National Institutes of Health

### Securing Funding for Key NIH Investments:

- As Chairman of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies, Senator Blunt has fought for continued investments in biomedical research that will save lives and lower health care costs
- Senator Blunt secured \$34 billion for the National Institutes of Health in his subcommittee's appropriations bill. This marks the second year in a row that Blunt increased the NIH by \$2 billion, or over 6 percent.
- The NIH funding this year provided an increase for every Institute and Center, including:
  - \$300 million for the Precision Medicine Initiative, an increase of \$100 million
  - \$1.39 billion for Alzheimer's disease research, an increase of \$400 million
  - \$250 million, an increase of \$100 million for the BRAIN Initiative to map the human brain
  - \$463 million, an increase of \$50 million to Combat Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria
  - \$12.6 million for Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act

### Eliminating Ineffective Programs & Saving Taxpayer Dollars:

- In addition to the NIH increase, the Labor/HHS bill focuses on increasing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of government, and prioritizes investments in programs that provide the most benefit to all Americans.
- The FY2017 bill eliminates 18 ineffective or duplicative programs, totaling over \$1 billion.
- Coupled with last year's bill, the committee has approved a total of 36 program eliminations topping \$1.25 billion.