NCI Legislative Update National Cancer Advisory Board

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FY 09 Appropriations Status

- HR 2638 serves as Continuing Resolution
 - Passed Senate and House Sept. 27
 - Became Public Law 110-329 Sept. 30
- Key Provisions
 - > Full appropriation bills for DoD, DHS, VA
 - > Funding all other agencies at FY 08 level
 - NIH \$29.012 Billion
 - NCI \$ 4.805 Billion
 - > Runs through March 6, 2009

FY 09 Appropriations Outlook

Omnibus Appropriation likely, could see small increase

 Additional Funds for NIH through Economic Stimulus package

FY 2010 Appropriations

 Administration indicated the official budget would not come out until April

• Appropriations Subcommittees have not determined the number of hearings they will be able to schedule

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New Legislation Introduced

- ✓ Strengthening our Economy through SBIR Act
- ✓ National Nanotechnology Program Amendments Act
- ✓ Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization
- ✓ Health Information Technology Act

SBIR Bill

S 177

- Introduced by Sen. Russell Feingold (D-WI) on Jan. 8, 2009.
- Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

- Increases allocations of federal agency grants for SBIR and STTR programs.
- Includes research on water, energy, transportation and domestic security under topics for special consideration.

Nanotechnology Bill

HR 554

• Introduced by Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) on Jan. 15, 2009.

- Requires the National Nanotechnology
 Research Program to develop a strategic plan.
- Calls for the establishment of standard reference materials for environmental, health, and safety testing.
- Requires open access of facilities to companies in development of nonscale product prototypes.

SCHIP Bill

HR 2 and S 275

- Introduced by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) on Jan 13, 2009; Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) on Jan. 16, 2009.
- HR 2 passed the House on Jan. 14 (289-139) and is waiting for Senate consideration.

- Would reauthorize SCHIP through 2013.
- Pay for expansion through increase of cigarette taxes.

Health Information Technology

S 179

- Introduced by Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) on Jan. 8, 2009.
- Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

- Establishes a grant program to offset costs incurred from adopting health informatics systems.
- •Authorizes the Secretary of HHS to make adjustments to Medicare payments for health information technology enabled services.
- •Calls for the development of interoperability standards.

More New Legislation

- ✓ National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network Act -- HR 653 and S 305
- ✓ Access to Cancer Clinical Trials -- HR 716 [reintroduced]
- ✓ Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education Act HR 745 [reintroduced]
- ✓ National Pain Care Policy Act HR 756 [reintroduced]

National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network

- NCI Director to establish a Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Network to research causes and risk factors associated
- Requires annual report to Congress
- Authorizes appropriations of \$25 Million for FY 2010 2014

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- Committee Changes
 - New Chair/Ranking Members
 - New Ratios
- New Priorities
 - Health Care Reform
 - Health IT

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