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Lupus Included in Senate Appropriations Bill for Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program

The [Lupus Research Institute](#) and [S.L.E. Lupus Foundation](#) thank the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee for continuing to support lupus research! Lupus is one of just 50 disease areas included in this year's 2016 defense appropriations bill allotting \$278.7 million to the Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP). If passed, the bill provides additional funding support to scientists working to improve treatment and find a cure for lupus.

Intended to improve the health and well-being of all military service members, veterans, and beneficiaries, the PRMRP is administered by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs. Lupus is included because the population it primarily targets – women – make up one fifth of the armed forces. An example of the importance of the PRMRP funding is work it made possible by [Dr. Tyler Curiel](#) of University of Texas. The \$1.12 million grant he received in 2014 expands upon groundbreaking work funded by his 2011 LRI Novel Research Grant to learn why lupus is nine times more prevalent among women than men.

We are very proud of this important step toward passage of a bill that helps advance lupus research. The LRI participates in the Congressionally Directed Research Programs Consortium, a coalition of medical and patient groups that has advocated for this research program and the

inclusion of lupus.

The appropriations bill was approved by the defense subcommittee on Tuesday and the full Appropriations Committee today. The LRI is monitoring the bill's progress and will continue to advocate for inclusion of lupus in the final legislation.



About the Lupus Research Institute

The world's leading private supporter of innovative research in lupus, championing scientific risk-taking in the hunt for solutions to this complex and dangerous autoimmune disease.

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