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Coalition for Health Advancement and Research in Texas (CHART) Thanks U.S. House of Representatives for Passing H.R. 5585

H.R. 5585 Establishes the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health (ARPA-H)

AUSTIN, Texas, June 22, 2022 – The Coalition for Health Advancement and Research in Texas (CHART) today thanked and congratulated the U.S. House of Representatives for Passing H.R. 5585. This legislation establishes the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health (ARPA-H). CHART maintains full support for the creation of this new independent agency and its mission to transform health research and innovation.

“We are thrilled to see this legislation pass with significant support from both sides of the aisle,” said Thomas Graham, spokesman for CHART. “The creation of this agency and its potential to unleash the innovations of our nation’s science and biotechnology communities and to revolutionize how we prevent, treat, and cure a range of diseases is a milestone moment in U.S. and global public health. We now look forward to supporting the Senate’s deliberations on this critical legislation and to making the case to locate ARPA-H in Texas because of our resources, infrastructure, and diversity.”

“No other state can match all that Texas has to offer to ARPA-H – a highly diverse population, a world-class medical infrastructure, a central location easy to reach from both coasts, and a proven track record of deep commitment to medical research. And the quality of life in Texas is attracting Americans from all over the country to move here, making Texas the fastest growing large state. ARPA-H will be what the people who work there make it,” said Wayne R. Roberts Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. “Those people will thrive in Texas both personally and professionally, and ARPA-H will thrive with them.”

CHART specifically thanks the members of the Texas Congressional Delegation for their involvement and support for H.R. 5585. The Texas members of the House are in full alignment with CHART in the belief that Texas is the right home for ARPA-H.

Texas has the resources and commitment to ensure the agency achieves its mission. Texas has some of the most diverse cities in the world. While proximity to diverse populations is essential for conducting valid clinical trials, location alone is not enough. Locating ARPA-H in Texas will allow the agency to effectively engage communities and facilitate relationships with leaders, stakeholders, and organizations.

Additionally, Texas has unequalled healthcare and biomedical research institutions, and infrastructure, including the largest medical center in the world, the largest military medical complex in the nation, the only BSL-4 lab co-located with a national primate center, and a longstanding demonstrated commitment to improving patient’s lives, exemplified, and accelerated by the unprecedented \$6 billion Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Texas has the most diverse and fastest growing population in the country and is conveniently geographically

located.

CHART is made up of representatives of Texas' bioscience, medical, technology, and healthcare institutions that believe ARPA-H should be fully supported and located in Texas and are ready to help achieve that end.

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