



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher  
U.S. House of Representatives  
TX-District 7

The Honorable Al Green  
U.S. House of Representatives  
TX-District 9

The Honorable Sylvia Garcia  
U.S. House of Representatives  
TX- District 29

Dear Congressional Members:

I write today to request your support of a Texas Congressional Delegation letter urging the Department of Health and Human Services to establish the Advanced Research Project Agency-Health (ARPA-H) in the State of Texas. This bipartisan initiative has the potential to transform health research and innovation in the United States, particularly in our region. As you know, Texas is uniquely situated to ensure ARPA-H fully realizes its potential because of its diverse population, existing medical infrastructure, access to biomedical research institutions, and pathways for innovation.

Specifically, the City of Houston, our nation's most diverse city and home to the largest medical center in the world, Texas Medical Center would have the opportunity to house ARPA-H on the new TMC3 campus. Houston is a "can-do" city that is leading the way in innovation and translational research; however, we must continue making transformational investments in healthcare that keeps patients at its core while increasing access and equity. Moreover, the medical communities in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Austin are united and committed to the success of ARPA-H.

I hope you will join your colleagues and support this significant step forward in making real and practical improvements in the lives of Houstonians and Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner  
Mayor