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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for U.S. Army Battlefield Exercise and Combat Related Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Research in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this is the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis – University of Miami, located at 1095 Northwest 14th Terrace, Miami, FL 33136.

The funding would be used to research new treatments and therapies to protect the lives of our injured soldiers who have suffered traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. Currently, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs reports over 70,000 Veterans with a spinal cord injury/ disease (SCI). SCI is a devastating disorder and SCI in the military is more likely to occur in younger individuals who may experience higher energy injuries. In addition, SCI in the deployed military is increasingly likely to occur in areas where immediate access to neurosurgical and trauma care may be delayed. The Miami Project combines basic research efforts to better protect and repair the nervous system with clinical and rehabilitation research aimed at improving the quality of life for individuals living with paralysis resulting from spinal cord injury. The development and testing of neuroprotective strategies and human cellular therapies with advanced rehabilitation is allowing our scientists to use these new treatment options to benefit people living with these injuries.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Wasserman Schultz".

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

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