Leadership Update

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (NY)

- First elected in 1998
- Long-time leader of the Senate Banking Committee
- Long-time member of the Judiciary Committee
- Within his party, he is known for his focus on unifying the caucus messaging.
- In meetings with Dr. Collins, he focused on the importance of NIH not becoming politicized.

Appropriations Update

Rep. Hal Rogers was term-limited so he is now Chairman Emeritus of House Appropriations

Sen. Barbara Mikulski retired so the ranking member position goes to the next most senior member of Senate Appropriations

Chairman Rodney Frelinghusen (R-NJ)
- Former Chair of Defense Subcommittee
- Historically supportive of funding increases to NIH
- Outspoken supporter of Cures

Ranking Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
- Former leader of Foreign Operations Subcommittee
- Leaving the ranking post on Judiciary Committee
- Generally supportive of NIH, back to the doubling
## NIH Oversight Committees Update

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## Energy and Commerce Committee Leadership

**Chairman Greg Walden (Oregon)**

- First elected in 1998;
  - after serving as Chief of Staff to Rep. Denny Smith
- Former Chair of Communications & Technology Subcommittee
- Co-chairs the Rural Health Care Coalition
  - member of the House Cancer & Diabetes Caucuses
- Former member of the Oregon Health Sciences University Foundation Board
Energy and Commerce
Health Subcommittee Leadership

Representative
Michael Burgess (TX)
• ObGyn
  • MD from UT Health Sciences
  • Residency Parkland Hospital (Dallas)
• Frequent visitor to research labs
• Legislation on wide variety of NIH issues

Representative
Tim Murphy (PA)
• Psychologist
  • PhD from Pitt
• Legislation on mental health treatment programs
• Current Oversight Chair
  • Hearings on lab safety