



Lamar Alexander of Tennessee - Chairman

What 21st Century Cures Does:

Accelerates cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's – by boosting the BRAIN Initiative to better scientists' understanding of the brain—creating a path to treatments and cures for diseases like Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, which causes untold family grief and costs \$236 billion a year.

Advances cures for cancer and supports NIH's efforts to map 1 million genomes – by making a success of the vice president's Cancer Moonshot and the president's Precision Medicine Initiative – two efforts that can change lives if they are implemented well and properly funded.

Spurs life-saving devices – by providing a breakthrough path for game-changing medical devices, just like the breakthrough path for drugs that Congress made law four years ago. Today, for the first time in history, some people are walking around cured from Cystic Fibrosis because of a drug approved in the breakthrough program.

Funds opioid fight – by providing grants to states to support their efforts to fight the opioid crisis.

Improves medical records – by making good on the more than \$35 billion in taxpayer dollars that some feel has been wasted on electronic health records systems – and ensuring that they work for patients and doctors and hospitals and are easily shared and accessed.

Spurs treatments for rare pediatric diseases – by driving treatments and cures for rare diseases—especially those that our children are suffering and dying from—and for virulent superbugs that are attacking our military veterans.

Opens up research discoveries – allowing NIH to require researchers to share their NIH-funded research data – opening up so much promising data so that treatments and cures can be found more quickly.

Drives excellence at NIH and FDA – by giving NIH and FDA the authority and ability to hire the bright minds they need to fill important positions so that the right research is done and then reviewed with expertise and speed.

Address the nation's mental health crisis – by helping the one in five adults in this country suffering from a mental illness get the treatment they need.