

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR INCREASING WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH TO UNLOCK ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

The Medical Research Gap Limits Women's Health

- Women are the majority of the U.S. population, nearly 50% of the workforce, and control over 60% of personal wealth. In the U.S., women are responsible for over 85% of consumer spending and make over 80% of healthcare decisions.
- Yet, women across races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, disabilities and ages experience diseases and disorders differently than men.
- 80% of patients with autoimmune disease are women, 2/3 of patients with Alzheimer's are women, and women are 50% more likely to die the year following a heart attack than men.
- Despite these three diseases disproportionately affecting women, only 12% of Alzheimer's research, 7% of rheumatoid arthritis research, and 4.5% of coronary artery disease research are allocated to projects focused specifically on women.
- Older women are more prone to medical problems, which is heightened by the higher prevalence of incorrectly prescribed medicines due to the lack of information on gender and age differences in medicine.

Investing in Women's Health Research is an Investment in the Economy

- This research gap has had huge economic consequences, including pulling women from the workforce for their own health or as caregivers and contributing to increased costs because of delays in care.
- The Resolution calls for doubling the current investments in women's health research across coronary artery disease, autoimmune rheumatoid arthritis and Alzheimer's disease. This investment of a little over \$300 million would yield \$13 billion in returns through greater quality of life, workforce and economic gains and reduced healthcare costs.

The Resolution Calls For

- Doubling investment in women's health research.
- Increasing awareness around the value of women-based research.
- Resounding support and advocacy around the topic of women's health.

23 Organizations Signed on to Support This Historic Resolution

