

Sample 2023 March on the Hill Thank You Note

Dear **[Title & Name]**

Thank you for meeting with me on **[date]** to discuss tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) and the Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRP) at the Department of Defense (DoD). I appreciate the time you took to discuss these issues that personally impact me and my family.

As a member of the TSC community, I respectfully urge you to take action to support this important program by signing the Dear Colleague Letter requesting support for the TSCRP. During our meeting, we discussed that tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) is a genetic disorder that can affect the body's vital organs including the brain, heart, kidneys, lungs, liver, eyes and skin. For **[me/my]** family this means **[insert personal details here]**

The Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program (TSCRP) — administered by the Department of Defense (DoD) — is a peer-reviewed program that awards grants competitively to cutting-edge research proposals aimed at gaining a better understanding of this complex disorder. It has enjoyed bipartisan support from Members of the House and the Senate. Since fiscal year 2002, Congress has appropriated an aggregate of \$97 million for the TSCRP.

[I/We] urge Congress to support funding for the TSCRP by signing the Dear Colleague Letter for fiscal year 2024 to build on the investments that it has already made in the TSCRP. This funding is essential to support a robust level of grant awards for basic, translational and clinical research to truly provide hope for improved quality of life for all those living with TSC.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.