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Mr. Paul Tubiana  
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Dear Mr. Tubiana:

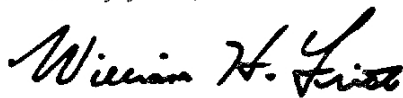
Thank you for contacting me expressing your support for diabetes research. It is an honor to serve you as Majority Leader of the United States Senate and a privilege to respond to your concerns

I appreciate your support for diabetes research. As you may know, this disease affects 16 million Americans and is estimated to cost more than \$100 billion each year. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is responsible for planning, conducting, fostering, and supporting coordinating programs of fundamental and clinical research relating to the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of such diseases, including diabetes.

I am pleased to report that for fiscal year (FY) 2004, the Senate has provided more than \$28 billion for the NIH, including over \$1.7 billion for the NIDDK. As a scientist, I understand the importance of funding for the NIH and other medical research endeavors. I will work to ensure that biomedical research capability remains an important priority of the federal government.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue. Rest assured, as Congress deals with this important issue your views will be critical to me. I hope that you will continue to share your thoughts and concerns with me throughout my tenure in the United States Senate.

Sincerely yours,



William H. Frist, M.D.  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate

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