

# Champion of Science Nomination Form for Senator Jerry Moran

**Nominating Institution and Contact:** University of Kansas, Jack Cline

**Nominee Name and State/District:** U.S. Senator Jerry Moran of Kansas

**Committee Assignments:** Appropriations; Veterans Administration; Banking Housing and Urban Affairs

**Caucus Memberships:** Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease, Congressional Coalition on Adoption, Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, Economic Mobility Caucus (Co-founder), General Aviation Caucus, Senate Aerospace Caucus, Senate Air Force Caucus, Senate Army Caucus, Senate Community Pharmacy Caucus (Co-founder), Senate Diabetes Caucus, Senate Hunger Caucus (Co-founder), Senate Military Family Caucus, Senate Rural Health Caucus, Senate Small Brewers Caucus, Senate Western Caucus and the Senate Water Caucus.

**Describe why this nominee should receive the Champion of Science Award:** Senator Moran advocates for strong, consistent support of research because it is essential to saving and improving lives, growing our economy, reducing costs, and maintaining America's role as a global leader in innovation, development, and entrepreneurship.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee, he has offered amendments to boost the budget of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the focal point of our nation's medical research. The most recent of these amendments was offered in committee on June 11, 2013. Senator Moran also offered a similar amendment to the FY 2014 Budget Resolution earlier this spring. These amendments were offered to prioritize NIH research without adding to our nation's annual deficit.

Senator Moran has proudly supported initiatives in Kansas that demonstrate how the state has become a leader in advancing medical research. He was honored to partner with the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC) to help it achieve National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, the highest recognition for an academic cancer center. This exclusive designation will enable KUCC's patients to have increased access to the most advanced cancer care close to home and better position KUCC to recruit the brightest researchers to develop cutting-edge treatments in Kansas. This accomplishment is having a transformative effect on Kansas' economy, enabling the state to continue developing into a research powerhouse for medical, pharmaceutical, and technological advancement.

Senator Moran also continues to work to bring the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) to Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Moran worked to secure funding for the construction of NBAF in the Senate FY 2014 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. Once constructed, NBAF will conduct the critical animal disease research needed to secure America's food supply and protect citizens and animals from biological and zoonotic threats. This world class research facility will benefit Kansans and Americans for years to come - protecting our agriculture industries, growing the economy, and providing an opportunity for our best and brightest young people to make careers in engineering, science, and technology.

**Describe the ways this nominee has supported federal funding for scientific research specifically and research and innovation generally:**

As Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee, on July 11, 2013, Senator Moran offered an amendment in the Senate Appropriations Committee to significantly increase funding for NIH in 2014. This amendment was fully paid for and would have prioritized medical research without adding a dime to our nation's annual deficit. This is third consecutive year he has offered this type of appropriations amendment to boost NIH. Additionally, on March 23, 2013, the Senate adopted an amendment he offered to the 2014 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 8) to increase funding for NIH.

Senator Moran has made multiple floor speeches on the importance of our nation's investment in medical research. He has also authored multiple op-eds on the importance of medical research and maintaining our commitment to NIH. For example:

- He wrote a letter in the *KC Star* supporting KUCC's pursuit of NCI designation.
- He wrote an op-ed in *Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News* supporting medical research.

He has visited the National Center for Advancing Cures and Treatments at NIH in Bethesda, MD.

He is involved in several caucuses advocating for investment in medical research to produce treatments and cures for disease.

He also maintains a page dedicated to making the case for research on his Senate website.

In 2011, he helped introduce a Senate resolution highlighting the nation's commitment to cancer research and commemorating the 40th anniversary of the signing of the National Cancer Act.

He received the 2011 Distinguished Public Service Award by the American Association for Cancer Research.

Senator Moran returns home to Kansas most every weekend. While home, he often visits Kansas' many public and private research institutions and facilities. For example:

- Last October, Senator Moran hosted Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), in Kansas City to tour cancer research facilities in the area and meet with local cancer researchers, doctors and scientists.
- Senator Moran also attended KUCC's official NCI site visit in February 2012, where he spoke to NCI scientists to express his commitment to KUCC in its pursuit of NCI Designation.
- Last August, he hosted Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on a tour of Kansas health care facilities, including the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, to meet with a variety of health care providers across the state.
- Senator Moran has made several visits to the NBAF site in Manhattan, KS to meet with officials overseeing the facility's site development and construction efforts. Recently, he participated in the groundbreaking for the NBAF Central Utilities Plant.