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## Dr. Khleif Testifies Before Congress

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Samir N. Khleif, MD, director of AACI-member GRU Cancer Center at Georgia Regents University, testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies on Tuesday, March 25. Dr. Khleif, a respected researcher and advocate in the cancer community, stressed the need for increased National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding for cancer research and the need for more funding devoted to the elimination of cancer health disparities, particularly among minority and economically disadvantaged populations. Dr. Khleif requested that the Subcommittee propose a budget of \$32 billion for the NIH in FY2015, in order to keep the brightest scientists at cancer centers focused on biomedical breakthroughs. GRU Cancer Center at Georgia Regents University is focused on reducing the burden of cancer in the State of Georgia. A list of hearing witnesses can be found by visiting [this link](#). A GRU press release about Dr. Khleif's appearance is [here](#).

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