



STATE OF TEXAS

DAVID DEWHURST
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 12068
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2068
(512) 463-0001

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR
P.O. Box 12428
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2428
(512) 463-2000

JOE STRAUS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
P.O. Box 2910
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
(512) 463-3000

October 30, 2013

Mr. Wayne R. Roberts
Interim Executive Director
Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)
P.O. Box 12097
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Roberts:

On December 18, 2012, we asked CPRIT to address fully concerns about processes and operations prior to future grants being awarded or any current awards being finalized. With passage of Senate Bill 149 by the Legislature, the appointment of new Oversight Committee members pursuant to SB 149 and CPRIT's continued progress in addressing the concerns raised in 2012, we authorize the contracts for the remaining 118 research and prevention awards announced at the August and December 2012 meetings to be finalized and grant operations to be resumed.

The awards are to be finalized in compliance with all applicable state laws and CPRIT administrative rules. This authorization is provided knowing that the awards were peer-reviewed for scientific merit and reviewed and certified by you and your staff as complying with all applicable CPRIT regulations and processes.

We appreciate the effort CPRIT has made to restore the public's confidence. CPRIT occupies a pivotal role in developing more effective prevention interventions and cancer treatments. The decision to finalize these remaining awards and resume operations is made after deliberate and strict review of the agency's processes. The state's elected officeholders retain strict control over the use of these public funds, and CPRIT's accountability to the Legislature concerning their use must be assured. Although CPRIT is to be commended for the progress made to date, the rigorous checks and balances set forth in SB 149 must be fully implemented.

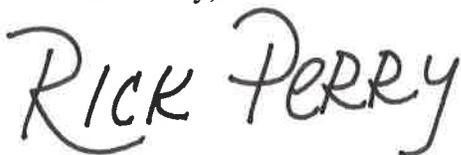
We understand that CPRIT's statute requires that the funds for these grants be considered awarded in the state fiscal year the projects were approved, in this case fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Executing contracts for these grants now that the moratorium has been lifted should not affect the total amount of new awards to be made out of fiscal year 2014 grant appropriations. It is our intent that the effect of the

Mr. Wayne R. Roberts
October 30, 2013
Page 2

moratorium extended the encumbrance period such that any of these contracts now executed may use prior year grant appropriation authority.

Please keep our offices as well as the standing committee of each house of the Legislature with primary jurisdiction over CPRIT informed of your additional progress.

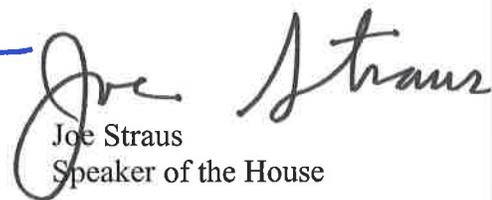
Sincerely,



Rick Perry
Governor



David Dewhurst
Lieutenant Governor



Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

cc: CPRIT Oversight Committee Members