

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER,  
Chicago, Ill., February 16, 1966.

Hon. HERBERT TENZER,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TENZER: I am glad for the opportunity to put myself on record as being strongly in favor of a National Eye Institute in the National Institute of Health.

An institute designed and operated primarily for research in the field of ophthalmology could, in my opinion, most effectively demonstrate its potential as a major factor in the Nation's eye health. Such an institute would also, I believe, have an excellent chance of having its financial needs recognized and met.

I am pleased to learn that you are planning to cosponsor H.R. 12373, as introduced by Congressman Fred B. Rooney, of Pennsylvania.

If my memory serves me right, I had the pleasure of being introduced to you at one of the annual meetings of the Advisory Council of the National Council To Combat Blindness, the organization to which we in ophthalmology sort of lovingly refer to as Miss Weisenfeld's organization.

Thanking you in advance for all the support you are giving ophthalmology, I am.

Sincerely yours,

PETER C. KRONFELD, M.D.,  
Professor and Head, Department of Ophthalmology.

NEW YORK, N.Y., February 17, 1966.

Representative HERBERT TENZER,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I have your letter of February 10 concerning the proposal for a National Eye Institute.

At first glance, this would appear to be a good idea. However, before really giving you a considered answer, I should like to know how much money was appropriated for research in neurology and how much for research in ophthalmology during the past 5 years.

Upon receipt of your letter, I will give this matter further thought and communicate with you again.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

SAM SALTZMAN.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY,  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,  
St. Louis, Mo., February 18, 1966.

Mr. HERBERT TENZER,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. TENZER: I am most enthusiastic about the proposal of Congressman Rooney for a National Eye Institute. Such an institute will afford those of us interested in eye research with the opportunity for investigating causes and means of prevention of blinding diseases.

I would like to encourage you in every way I can to cosponsor the proposal.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

BERNARD BECKER, M.D.,  
Professor and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology.