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Toomey Applauds Hearing on NIH Oversight

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pat Toomey, R-PA, applauds his colleagues for launching a hearing into the oversight of National Institutes of Health. Representative Toomey on July 10 introduced an amendment to halt the \$1.5 million in funding for four ridiculous grant projects, and instead, allocate those funds for critical research into life-threatening and debilitating diseases. Congressman Toomey's amendment to the Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations bill failed by just two votes.

Among the grant research projects for which Toomey sought to eliminate funding were a study of drug use among California prostitutes; research on the sexual habits of older men; a study of Native-American transgenders; and a study of people's reactions to being aroused *after they have consumed various amounts of alcohol*.

"We in Congress have a responsibility to oversee all expenditures of taxpayer dollars. When money is going to study the sexual habits of older men or transgendered Native Americans versus trying to solve life-threatening diseases, Congress must step in," Toomey said.

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