Making supplemental appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Research First Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
The Congress finds as follows:

(1) In fiscal year 2013, the budget of the National Institutes of Health was decreased by approximately $1.55 billion pursuant to section 251A of the
(2) The National Institutes of Health is the true Department of Defense for the citizens of the United States, conducting vital research to fight the enemy of disease and protect the infrastructure of the human body. Such research funding should not be slashed while the Pentagon budget continues to increase.

(3) The national security interests of the United States can be well served by reducing the total number of deployed nuclear warheads and their delivery systems, as suggested by the Department of Defense’s January 2012 strategic guidance titled “Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense”.

(4) The Government Accountability Office has found that there is significant waste in the construction of the nuclear facilities of the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy. Significant savings can also be found by reducing expenditures on weapons which the military has not requested such as the Abrams Tank, bringing military and infrastructure operations in Afghani-
stan to a close, and decreasing the Nation’s reliance on expensive, private contractors.

SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

There is appropriated to the National Institute of Health, for an additional amount for the purpose of carrying out title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.), $1,550,000,000, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2013.

SEC. 4. RESCISSIONS.

Of the unobligated balances of the following accounts, the following amounts are rescinded:

2. “Department of Defense”, $1,150,000,000.