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Results from our latest national poll, on obesity, commissioned in partnership with **The Endocrine Society**, are available at www.researchamerica.org.

The **Council on Competitiveness** released its report "Competitiveness Index: Where America Stands," which benchmarks U.S. competitiveness against 20 years of economic data, highlighting innovation as a driver of our economy. The report may be ordered online at www.compete.org.

Remarks by **The Honorable Paul G. Rogers**, *Research!America* chair emeritus, at a Fogarty International Center meeting, are posted on our Web site, under *Advocacy Leaders Speak Out*.

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About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by our 500+ member organizations, who represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans. Our public opinion polls, advocacy programs and publications reach the public and decision makers to help advance medical and health research.

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Members TAKE Action



Leonard Wartofsky,
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The Endocrine Society

The mission of The Endocrine Society is excellence in hormone research and care of patients with endocrine disease. To achieve this mission, the Society continues to be the prime advocate and integrative force for clinicians and investigators, and will maintain a leadership role in providing endocrine education and information to the diverse professional endocrine community, the broader medical community, policy-makers, patients and the public.

The Endocrine Society works to foster a greater understanding of endocrinology among the public and practitioners of complementary medical disciplines and to promote the interests of endocrinologists at the national scientific research and health policy levels of government.

The Society's diverse membership represents medicine, molecular and cellular biology, biochemistry, physiology, genetics, immunology, education, industry and allied health.

"Our members are scientists, physicians, educators, nurses, and students active in the clinical practice of endocrinology or devoted to the research of hormones and the endocrine systems," said **Dr. Leonard Wartofsky**, society president and chair of the Department of Medicine at **Washington Hospital Center**.

The Society uses an exceptional suite of advocacy activities to activate these members. Each year, it identifies legislative and regulatory issues most relevant to the membership and uses these to create a focused agenda for action.

"One of the most important ways the Society advances medical research is through its journals, which contain a wealth of peer-reviewed data on obesity and diabetes from basic research studies and clinical trials," Wartofsky said.

The Society galvanizes the community through its annual meeting, the premier conference on endocrinology. ENDO is the only meeting that gathers the entire endocrine community explore the leading edge of research and to discuss the

latest news in clinical practice. ENDO 2007 will be held in Toronto and is expected to attract nearly 7,000 scientists, physicians and educators.

Globally, there are more than 1 billion overweight adults, and at least 300 million (30%) are obese. Obesity is one of the top advocacy priorities for The Endocrine Society. The Society has been extremely active in advocating for medical coverage for obesity treatments and for medical research funding to better understand its causes.

"Our members are leading the study and treatment of obesity, and we do all we can to support them," Wartofsky said.

Research!America and the Society recently released results of a public opinion poll on obesity. (See page 7.)

"The more voices brought to bear on these important issues, the more likely it is these concerns will be heard," Wartofsky said. "By working with Research!America and other coalitions, The Endocrine Society can more effectively advocate for issues important to its members and the public."

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