NAEVR’S EMERGING VISION SCIENTISTS ADVOCACY DAY

Emerging Vision Scientists Request Robust NIH/NEI Funding

On October 8 and under the auspices of NAEVR, the young investigators visited their Congressional delegation offices to request robust, sustained, and predictable NIH funding for FY2016 and beyond—adding their unique perspective from vision research. Due to bipartisan Congressional concern about the future of young investigators, several Members arranged their schedules to speak with the EVSs.

Commenting on the two days of events, RPB President Dr. Hofland said:

“RPB cares deeply about robust, sustained, and predictable funding for NIH and NEI, and we have a long history of supporting emerging vision scientists who go on to contribute strongly to the fight against blinding disorders. I was heartened to have so many join us in expressing these concerns to our nation’s policy makers. AEVR’s and NAEVR’s effective coordination of Capitol Hill education and Congressional delegation visits, respectively, is another example of the productive partnership that RPB has with the Alliances to encourage national leaders to address the needs of those facing vision loss.”

Brian Hofland, Ph.D.

Emerging Vision Scientists, who visited the offices of Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) as a delegation. From left: Dr. Marc Levin, Dr. Eric Nudelman, Dr. Stacy Pineles, Rick Patrick in the office of Senator Feinstein, Dr. Pinakin Davey, Dr. Jack Whalen, III., Dr. William Tuten, and Dr. Amir Kashani.