



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Lowey, Vice Chairman Leahy, and Ranking Member Granger:

As Congress works to complete the FY 2020 spending bills, the more than 300 undersigned organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, educators, academic and research institutions, and industry write to thank you for your longstanding leadership in support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and to encourage quick enactment of a Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that provides robust, sustained funding for medical research.

We are grateful that both the House-passed spending package and the draft bill released by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Sept. 18 would continue the momentum of recent years by providing NIH with a meaningful funding increase over the previous year. In particular, the \$42.1 billion proposed in the Senate bill would offer even greater opportunity to expand NIH's capacity to fund more promising research, provide support for the next generation of researchers, and allow the agency to address other critical needs.

Despite this strong bipartisan support for medical research, we are concerned that NIH is currently operating under a continuing resolution (CR), rather than under its final, full-year funding level. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and uncertainty for both the agency and scientists across the country. Any further delay in finalizing FY 2020 funding levels – or, worse, reverting to a long-term stopgap that freezes funding at the levels in FY 2019 – would slow our progress toward cures and ultimately impede our ability to address major public health challenges.

To enable passage of a bipartisan spending package that maximizes investment in NIH, we strongly urge you to provide a meaningful increase in the allocation for Labor-HHS-Education appropriations and complete the spending bill as soon as possible. In passing the Bipartisan

Budget Act of 2019, Members of Congress recognized that our nation's defense and nondefense discretionary priorities could not be fully realized under the original Budget Control Act statutory caps. In light of the budget agreement that increased the non-defense discretionary caps by nearly \$25 billion over FY 2019, we believe that supporting NIH research as part of a thriving public health continuum should continue to be a top national priority. The allocation for the final FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill should reflect that commitment.

Our nation's investment in medical research has resulted in better health and hope for patients everywhere. We look forward to working with you to continue this important legacy with quick enactment of a robust investment for NIH in FY 2020.

Sincerely,

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
ACT for NIH Foundation
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Anthropological Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Women in Radiology

American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Chemical Society
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology®
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Educational Research Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association (AHA)
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical & Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Massage Therapy Association
American Neurological Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
American Society of Transplantation
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association

American Veterinary Medical Association
Arthritis Foundation
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry (AMGDB)
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC)
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Pathology Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Association of University Radiologists
Baylor College of Medicine
Biomedical Engineering Society
Biophysical Society
BJC HealthCare
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association
Boston Medical Center
Boston University
Brain Aneurysm Foundation
Brigham Health
Cedars-Sinai
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Children's Mercy Kansas City
ChristianaCare
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals

Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
Creighton University School of Medicine
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Detroit Medical Center
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Drexel University
Duke Health
Duke University
Dysautonomia International
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
East Carolina University
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Emory University
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Florida State University
Focused Ultrasound Foundation
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Friends of the National Institute on Aging
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
GE Healthcare
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Global Liver Institute
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Harvard University
Henry Ford Health System
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Hologic, Inc.
Indiana University

Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Association of Medical Science Educators
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation
Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine
Kansas State University
Konica Minolta Healthcare
Lifespan
Loma Linda University
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
Massachusetts General Hospital
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Melanoma Research Foundation
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Brain Tumor Society
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NephCure Kidney International
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Northeastern University
NYU Langone Health
Oregon Collaborative for Integrative Medicine
Oregon Health & Science University

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at The University of Vermont
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
Roy G. Perry College of Engineering
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
RWJBarnabas Health
Scleroderma Foundation
Siemens Healthineers
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society of Abdominal Radiology
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of Computed Body Tomography & Magnetic Resonance
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Temple University
Texas A&M Health Science Center
The Gerontological Society of America
The Marfan Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Myositis Association
The State University of New York
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
The University of Texas System
Time Medical Systems
Treatment Communities of America
Tufts University School of Medicine
Tulane University
UCLA
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Florida
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawaii Manoa
University of Hawai'i System
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa Health Care
University of Kansas
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Medical School
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina System
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Texas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
UTHealth | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
UW Medicine
Valley Children's Healthcare
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Weill Cornell Medicine

West Virginia University
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University

305 Signatories as of October 24, 2019

cc:

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader

The Honorable Roy Blunt, Chair, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS,
Education

The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
HHS, Education

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Chair, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS,
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The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
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