



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 18, 2024

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

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cole, Chair Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Collins:

Thank you for your longstanding, bipartisan commitment to predictable and sustained growth in medical research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As Congress returns to session, the nearly 400 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, representing patients, clinicians, scientists, educators, academic and research organizations, and industry, **urge you to finalize the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) spending bill by the end of the calendar year with a robust investment in the NIH. Specifically, we urge you to provide no less than the Senate Appropriations Committee-approved level of \$48.9 billion for NIH, in addition to funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).**

As the world's premier public funder of medical research, the NIH plays an important role in our nation's international leadership, and robust annual funding growth for NIH is key to improving people's health. NIH-funded research in nearly every congressional district leads to medical breakthroughs that benefit patients nationwide, advancing potential treatments and preventive strategies for cancer, Alzheimer's, maternal health, and other persistent or emerging health threats. In addition to providing new options for patients and families, NIH-funded research also generates direct and indirect economic activity at the local and regional levels, which in turn enhances the U.S.'s competitiveness globally.

Yet, the NIH only is able to fund approximately 1 in every 5 promising proposals, leaving potentially lifesaving science on the table, a challenge that is compounded when funding does not keep pace with inflation. In March, nearly 400 organizations across the NIH stakeholder community recommended at least \$51.3 billion for NIH to keep pace with the biomedical research and development price index and support meaningful growth of roughly 5 percent. This investment would help expand the potential for new cures and other interventions for patients and their families, fully capitalize on scientific opportunity, and ensure that NIH's budget does not lag further behind biomedical research inflation.

Although we acknowledge the context of a discretionary spending cap and its impact on funding conversations, we cannot overstate the importance of maintaining and building upon support for NIH in FY 2025. **For these reasons, in the final FY 2025 spending bill, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges you to provide at least \$48.9 billion for NIH in addition to funding for ARPA-H**, consistent with the Senate's FY 2025 Labor, Health, and Human Services spending bill. Underinvesting in NIH's annual base budget is to the detriment of patients today and tomorrow, undermines the future medical research workforce, and threatens to weaken U.S. competitiveness with global adversaries. To ensure that this funding effectively supports the work of NIH, it is imperative that appropriators finalize the NIH funding level by the end of the calendar year.

We also recognize that there are proposals regarding NIH's structure, operations, and other policies. Our organizations are prepared to continue engaging with lawmakers about these proposals outside of the FY 2025 appropriations deliberations and in authorizing processes. In the meantime, however, we must ensure that we are maintaining a robust commitment to the lifesaving work underway.

Our community is grateful for the longstanding bipartisan and bicameral commitment to ensure that investment in NIH remains a national priority. Thank you again for your leadership and prioritization of the work that brings hope to patients and their families.

Sincerely,

397 Signatories as of November 14, 2024

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
Accessia Health
ACDP - Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
ACT for NIH
Alex Manfull Fund
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy
Alliance to Cure Cavernous Malformation
Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies (ASPIRE)
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AAPC)
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Council on Education
American Diabetes Association
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Neurological Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
Anxiety & Depression Association of America
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Academic Pathology

Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for Pelvic Organ Prolapse Support (APOPS)
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of Academic Radiology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Profession Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Autism Speaks
Autoimmune Association
AVAC
Bay Area Lyme Foundation
Baylor College of Medicine
BDSRA Foundation
Benaroya Research Institute
Biophysical Society
Bipoc Equity Agency
Boston University
Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
Brown University
CACNA1A Foundation
California Life Sciences
Camenzind Solutions LLC
Cancer and Careers
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Celiac Disease Foundation
Center for Endometriosis Care
Center for Optimal Aging
Child Neurology Foundation
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Chris CJ Johnson Foundation Inc.
ChristianaCare
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science

Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
CSNK2A1 Foundation
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
CURE Epilepsy
Cure HHT
cureCADASIL
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Danny Did Foundation
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Doheny Eye Institute
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Drexel University
Duke Health
Duke University
DYNC1H1 Association
Dysautonomia International
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
ECU Health & ECU Brody School of Medicine
Emory
Endocrine Society
Endometriosis Association
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Epilepsy Leadership Council
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of NIDA
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Genetic Alliance
GO2 for Lung Cancer

Good Days
GRIN2B Foundation
Harvard University
HealthyWomen
Henry Ford Health
Hereditary Angioedema Association
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Inc.
HIV Medicine Association
Hope Charities
Hope for HIE
Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Houston Methodist Hospital
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hydrocephalus Association
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Institute for Systems Biology
International Bipolar Foundation
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)
Joey's Wings Foundation
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
KCNQ2 Cure Alliance
Keck School of Medicine and Keck Medicine of USC
Kidney Cancer Association
KidneyCAN
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lasker Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Loyola Medicine
LUNgevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lupus Research Alliance
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
Mass General Brigham
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Men's Health Network
Michelson Center for Public Policy
Michigan Medicine
Michigan State University
MissionMSA

Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
MLD Foundation
Monica Weldon Consulting LLC
Morehouse School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Health System
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association For Continence
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD)
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Ataxia Foundation
National Brain Tumor Society
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Headache Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Postdoctoral Association
NBIA Disorders Association
NDRI
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society
Neuroimmune Foundation
New York Genome Center
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NORSE Institute
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging
North American Vascular Biology Organization
NR2F1 Foundation
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Old Dominion University
Oregon Health & Science University
Organic Acidemia Association
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
Population Association of America
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PURA Syndrome Foundation
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy
PXE International
Radiological Society of North America

Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
RTI International
Rural Minds
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Salk Institute for Biological Studies
Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA)
Sjögren's Foundation, Inc.
Sleep Research Society
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society of Breast Imaging
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
St. Baldrick's Foundation
Stanford University
StopAfib.org/American Foundation for Women's Health
Texas A&M University Health Science Center
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
The Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network (#MEAction)
The National Pancreas Foundation
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute
The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
The University of North Carolina System
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
The University of Virginia
Triage Cancer

TSC Alliance
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tulane University School of Medicine
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
UC San Diego
UC San Diego Health Sciences
UCLA
UMass Chan Medical School
UNC Health and UNC School of Medicine
United Spinal Association
University at Buffalo
University of California San Francisco
University of California System
University of California, Davis
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Colorado System
University of Houston
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
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University of Minnesota
University of Nevada Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
University of Rochester
University of Utah Health
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Usher Syndrome Coalition
UTHealth Houston | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
UTI Health Alliance
UVA Health
UW Health, the integrated health system of the University of Wisconsin
v-ATPase Alliance

Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
VentureWell
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc.
VHL Alliance
Virginia Commonwealth University
wAIHA Warriors
Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Yale University
Your Prostate Cancer.help, Inc
YWHAG Research Foundation

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