



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

October 27, 2025

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

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

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

As Congress resumes its work on the annual spending bills, the 455 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, representing patients, clinicians, scientists, educators, academic and research organizations, and industry, write to thank you for your longstanding, bipartisan commitment to predictable and sustained growth in medical research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and urge you to finalize the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) spending bill with a robust investment in the NIH. Specifically, **we urge you to provide no less than the Senate Appropriations Committee-approved level of \$47.2 billion for NIH, in addition to funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).**

We are grateful that the spending bills passed by both the House (H.R. 5304) and Senate (S. 2587) Appropriations Committees would provide NIH with much needed increases over the previous year. In particular, the funding level in the Senate bill would offer an 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. Additionally, the Senate bill would preserve the nation's research infrastructure, avoid policy provisions that could hamper research, and prevent further dramatic decreases in the number of awardees that are the result of frontloading awards. To ensure that funding supports the work of NIH effectively, it is imperative that Congress finalize the NIH funding level as quickly as possible; the bipartisan approach in S. 2587 both helps achieve that goal and upholds key attributes essential to the NIH's success.

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 every state and nearly every congressional district leads to medical breakthroughs that benefit patients nationwide, advancing potential cures,

treatments, and preventive strategies addressing cancer, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, diabetes, Parkinson's, chronic health conditions, autoimmune diseases, and the full range of other conditions that affect patients, families, and communities. In addition to providing hope for patients and families across the country, robust support for NIH-funded research bolsters national security, strengthens the research workforce, and leads to increased local and regional economic output. For these reasons, in March, [over 500 organizations across the NIH stakeholder community](#) united to urge lawmakers to support meaningful growth for the agency in FY 2026 with at least \$51.3 billion for NIH.

Although we acknowledge the context of a constrained discretionary spending environment and its impact on funding conversations, we cannot overstate the importance of maintaining and building upon support for medical research. Our community is grateful that a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers exercised Congress's oversight responsibility in ensuring that appropriated funds would be obligated as intended in FY 2025 and that the FY 2026 spending bills in both chambers recognize the NIH as an urgent national priority. **The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges you to continue that bipartisan commitment in the final FY 2026 spending bill, adopting the approach in S. 2587 and providing at least \$47.2 billion for NIH, in addition to funding for ARPA-H.**

Thank you again for your leadership and prioritization of the work that brings hope to patients and their families.

Sincerely,

455 of Signatories as of 10/27/2025

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
Accessia Health
ACT for NIH
AdvaMed
Advocates for Collaborative Education
Akari Foundation
AliveandKick'n
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Patient Access
Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM)
Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies (ASPIRE)
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alport Syndrome Foundation
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Alzheimer's Orange County
Alzheimer's San Diego
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
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 Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Diabetes Association
American Federation for Aging Research
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Neurological Association
American Nurses Association
American Pediatric Society (APS)
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
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 Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP)
American Society of Echocardiography
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Society of Transplantation
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Society on Aging
American Statistical Association
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association (AUA)
Angelman Syndrome Foundation
Arachnoiditis and Chronic Meningitis Collaborative Research Network (ACMCRN)
ARPKD/CHF Alliance
Arthritis Foundation
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
Association for Psychological Science
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB)
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Leaders of Neurology (Formerly the Association of University Professors of Neurology)
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of Academic Radiology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Professors of Dermatology
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Augusta University
Autism Science Foundation
Autism Speaks
AVAC
BDSRA Foundation
Benaroya Research Institute
Benjamin Rose
Beth Israel Lahey Health
Biophysical Society
Boston Biotech Forum
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston Medical Center Health System
Boston University
Brain Inflammation Collaborative
Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)
BrightFocus Foundation
Broad Institute
California Psychological Association
Canavan Foundation
Cancer and Careers
Cancer Nation (formerly the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship)
Caregiver Action Network
CaringKind, The Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Celiac Disease Foundation
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)
Center for Endometriosis Care
Center to Advance Palliative Care
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Association
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Chronic Disease Coalition
City University of New York School of Medicine
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Colorado Psychological Association
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation

CSNK2A1 Foundation
CUNY School of Medicine
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
CURE Epilepsy
CURE GABA-A
Cure MAPT FTD
CURE SYNGAP1 fka SynGAP Research Fund, 501(c)(3)
Cure VCP Disease
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Danny Did Epilepsy Foundation
Dartmouth Health
Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies Project (DEE-P Connections)
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Duke Health
Duke University
Dup15q Alliance
Dysautonomia International
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Emory University
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Epilepsy Foundation Texas
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FamilieSCN2A Foundation
Family Caregiver Alliance, National Center on Caregiving
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS)
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center - Temple Health
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of NIAAA
Friends of NICHD
Friends of NIDA
Friends of NIMH
Gaucher Community Alliance
GE HealthCare
Genetic Alliance
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)
Gerontological Society of America
Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)

Global Liver Institute
Good Days
Harvard University
HealthyWomen
Heart Failure Society of America
Heart Rhythm Society/ Heart Rhythm Advocates
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
Hilarity for Charity
HIV Medicine Association
Hope Charities
Hope for HIE
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
I AM ALS
IITC INC.
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD)
International SCN8A Alliance
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association of America
Johns Hopkins University
Kaiser Permanente
KCNQ2 Cure Alliance
Kentucky Psychological Association
Kids for Saving Earth
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lasker Foundation
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Lewy Body Dementia Association
Lewy Body Dementia Resource Center
Loma Linda University Health
Long Term Care Community Coalition
Look. Foundation
Lorenzo's House
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Lymphoma Research Foundation
M-CM Network
Maine Psychological Association
Malan Syndrome Foundation
March of Dimes
Marymount University
Mass General Brigham
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Men's Health Network

METAvivor
Minnesota Psychological Association
Mission MSA
Missouri Psychological Association
MitoAction
MLD Foundation
Moebius Syndrome Foundation
Mount Sinai Health System
Muscular Dystrophy Association
NAPCRG
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR)
National Association of Activity Professionals
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD)
National Association of Veterans Research and Education Foundations
(NAVREF) National Council of Dementia Minds
National Down Syndrome Society
National Eczema Association
National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence
National Health Council
National Kidney Foundation
National Neutropenia Network
National Respite Coalition
National Scleroderma Foundation
NDRI
Neurofibromatosis Midwest
Neurofibromatosis Network
New Hampshire Psychological Association
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
New York Genome Center
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NF Northeast
NORSE Institute
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Vascular Biology Organization
North Carolina Psychological Association
Northern California Institute for Research and Education, Inc., NCIRE
Northwest PANDAS/PANS Network (NWPPN)
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NW Association for Biomedical Research
NYU Langone Health
Oregon Health & Science University
Oregon Psychological Association
Organic Acidemia Association
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
Patients Rising

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State College of Medicine
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research
Periodic Paralysis Association
Personalized Medicine Coalition
PIRE: Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
PKD Foundation
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International
Quantitative Medical Imaging Coalition
Radiological Society of North America
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rhode Island Psychological Association
Rush University System for Health
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Safe Kids Worldwide
Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute
Schinzel-Giedion Syndrome Foundation
Second Wind Dreams, Inc.
Sjogren's Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM)
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Abdominal Radiology
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Pediatric Psychology, Division 54 of the American Psychological Association
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Society of Toxicology
Stanford University

Stony Brook Medicine
Stupid Cancer
Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation
Susan G. Komen
Teaching Kitchen Collaborative
Temple University
Texas A&M University Health Science Center
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
The American Society for Reproductive Medicine
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
The Brain Donor Project
The George Washington University
The Illinois Psychological Association
The Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
The Life Raft Group
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The RYR-1 Foundation
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
The Sturge-Weber Foundation
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tufts Medicine
Tulane University
Turner Syndrome Society of the United States
UCLA
UMass Chan Medical School
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
University at Buffalo
University of California System
University of California, San Francisco
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Colorado Anschutz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Iowa
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Minnesota Medical School
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Utah Health
University of Virginia
US Hereditary Angioedema Association

UsAgainstAlzheimer's
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
Usher 1F Collaborative
Usher Syndrome Coalition
Usher Syndrome Society
UTRGV School of Medicine
UVA Health
v-ATPase Alliance
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
VentureWell
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
wAIHA Warriors
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Wilson Disease Association
Withka Psychological & Consulting Services
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University
ZERO Prostate Cancer

cc: The Honorable Robert Aderholt
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