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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
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Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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March 27, 2026

Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Members of Congress who value the critical role the National Institutes of Health (NIH) plays in making Americans healthier, global competitiveness, job creation, education, and economic growth, we respectfully request that the funding level for the agency's foundational work in Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 should be at least \$51.3 billion.

Our nation faces profound health challenges, from acute and chronic conditions like cancer, Alzheimer's, heart disease, rare diseases, obesity, Parkinson's disease, and autoimmune diseases to the mental health and opioid epidemics to emerging and resurging infectious diseases. For the entirety of human health, NIH supports research nationwide that has a real-world, positive impact on patients, families, and communities. In a time of unprecedented scientific opportunity across all disease areas, it is critical that the United States make forward-thinking investments that promote medical breakthroughs, equip the next generation of students and scientists, and sustain our international leadership in medical research.

In the last few years, medical research has led to new therapies and technologies that are transforming patient care for diseases such as sickle cell disease, cystic fibrosis, and through the use of CAR-T cells, certain types of cancer. Providing \$51.3 billion for the NIH would build on the longstanding bipartisan commitment to NIH-supported research that has made such accomplishments possible. We are at the tip of the iceberg of new life-saving innovations. Imagine what we can accomplish with more robust investments in medical research, from making strides to combat antimicrobial resistance, to harnessing the power of personalized medicine to treat disease, and more. The investments we make in medical research are our nation's best hope in finding cures, prevention measures, and treatments for diseases that affect millions of Americans. For these reasons, hundreds of organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, educators, institutions, and industry support this funding recommendation.

As the world's premier medical research agency, The NIH funds basic foundational research that is too expensive and risky for private industries to undertake alone. Public funding of research through NIH has led to major achievements in our understanding of rare diseases and disorders, as well as historically prevalent diseases like ALS, substance use disorders, stroke, and

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Parkinson's. In addition to bettering the lives of millions, NIH funding – which is distributed following a rigorous and statutorily required peer-review system with publicly available guidelines – extends to every state, nearly every congressional district, and supports over 300,000 non-federal scientists and technical personnel at more than 2,500 medical schools and research universities and facilities nationwide. NIH funding ripples far beyond its headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland, boosting local and regional economies to benefit manufacturers and suppliers in every state and many U.S. territories, as federally funded research drives demand for medical and research supplies and equipment. Furthermore, in FY 2024 NIH research funding generated nearly \$95 billion in new economic activity and supported approximately 408,000 jobs across the U.S. This funding enables the United States to maintain global leadership in medical research by attracting and retaining top research talent, strengthening domestic expertise and thought leadership, and staying competitive as other nations strategically expand their investments in this space.

In light of the difficult budget decisions, we stress the importance of NIH not only as a research agency improving the health of all Americans, but also as a job creator, driver of economic growth, and a vital leader in curbing our nation's soaring healthcare costs.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to provide at least \$51.3 billion in funding for the NIH base budget in FY 2027.

Sincerely,



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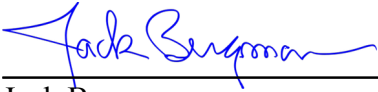


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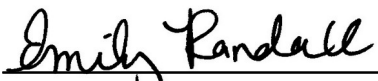
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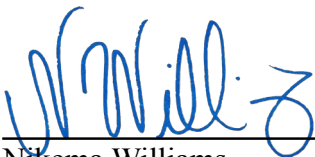


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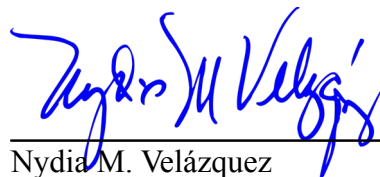


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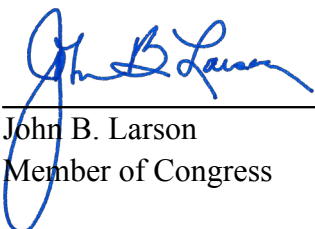
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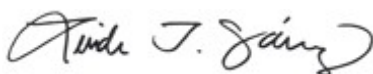
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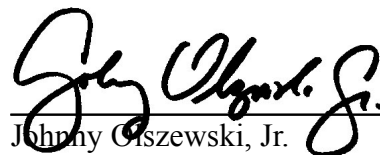
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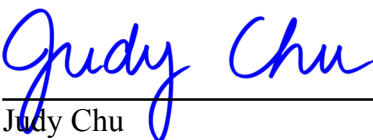
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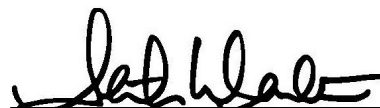
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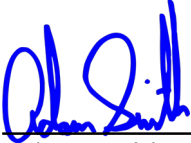


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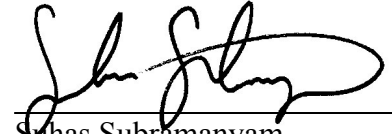
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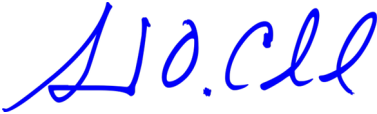


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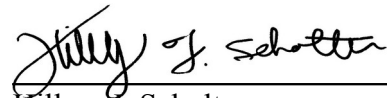
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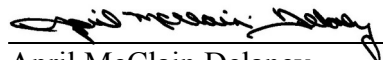
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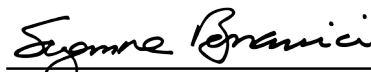


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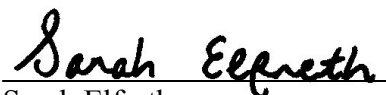
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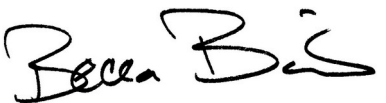
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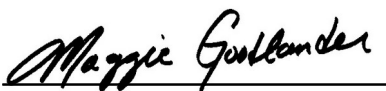
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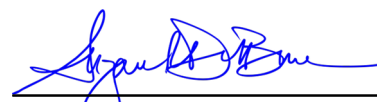
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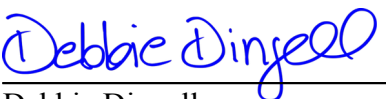
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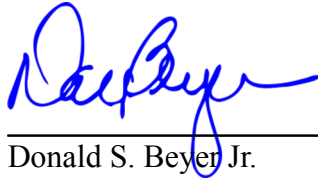


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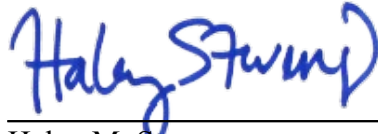
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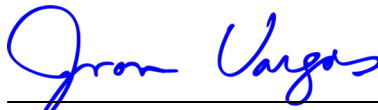
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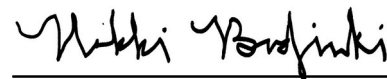
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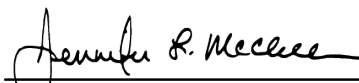


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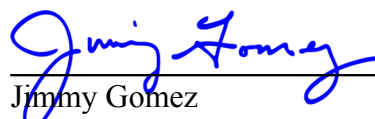
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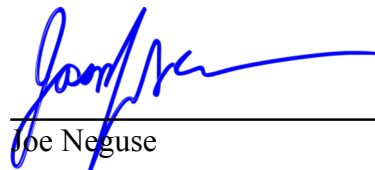


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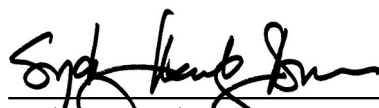
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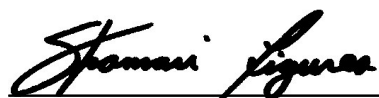
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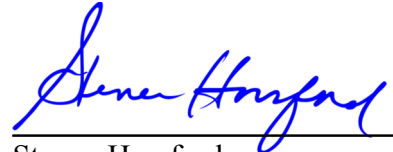


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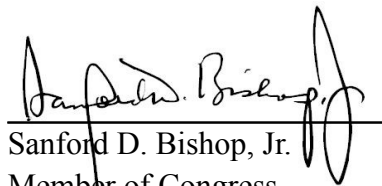
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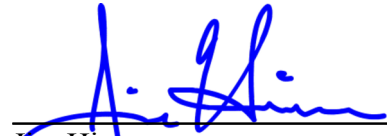


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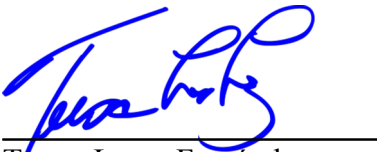
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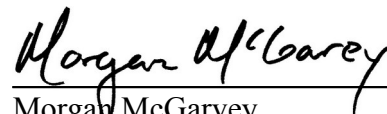
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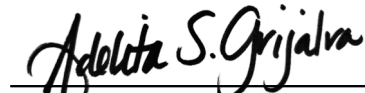
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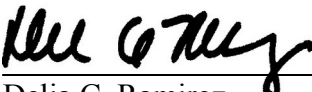
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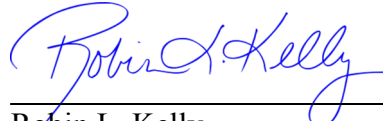
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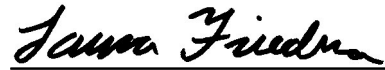


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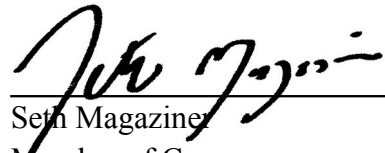
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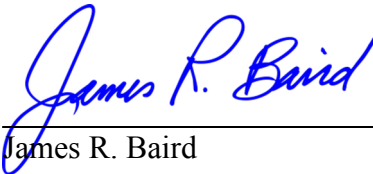
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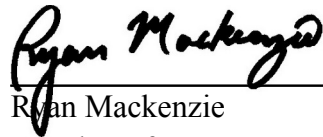
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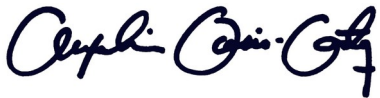
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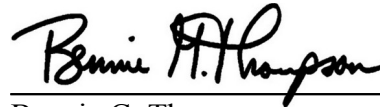
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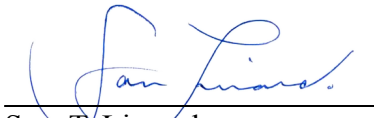
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