



# The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

## Suggested Member of Congress and Social Media Activation Toolkit

### Write Your Member of Congress

[Find My Representative](#), [Contacting U.S. Senators](#)

*I am a member of the medical research community writing to urge you to prioritize and support funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the fiscal year 2026 HHS spending bill.*

*Medical research has led to countless critical advances helping ALL Americans live longer, healthier lives. Americans know this: in a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, 77% of respondents said they oppose cuts to medical research. Nearly every test, treatment, or cure used today in health care can be traced back to NIH-funded research at universities, independent research institutes, industry, and other labs nationwide. Some examples include:*

- *More than 488 clinical trials on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.*
- *Improvements in cancer detection, treatment and prevention that have saved more than 3.5 million lives over the past 20 years.*
- *Research leading to a 40% decline in infant mortality rates over the past 20 years.*

*The Congressional Budget Office estimates that a 10 percent cut in NIH funding would result in 4.5 percent decrease in the number of new drugs coming to market, with most of the impact decades in the future. Cuts of this magnitude would stifle progress toward advancements that could save lives for generations.*

*Not only would we lose ground toward cures, new technologies, and other innovation, but less research in the U.S. would also have detrimental economic and strategic consequences, such as:*

- *Threatening American dominance and long-term competitiveness against global competitors in medical research discovery, particularly as countries like China continue to boost their research funding and research infrastructure.*
- *Ceding to other nations American companies' competitive advantage as a catalyst of new industries that save lives, improve Americans' health, create new jobs, and protect national security.*
- *Slowing economic growth and reducing employment.*

*Please fight for the continued growth and development of American biomedical research and solidify our nation as the world leader in health care innovation and discovery. The health and lives of American patients and families depend on it.*

### Labor Day Spotlight

- This Labor Day, we celebrate the NIH-supported research workforce, the scientists, staff, trainees, and administrators behind every discovery. Their work saves lives. Let's keep funding their future. #FundNIH

### Share Impacts of NIH-cuts

- NIH cuts threaten research across [your research focus]. From [disease area] to innovations in medical research, sustained funding is critical to protect patient progress and support researchers nationwide. #FundNIH

### Campaign Spotlight

- Today's #CampaignSpotlight: [Organization]'s [Campaign Name], showing how #NIH support leads to breakthroughs in [disease/research area]. Together, we advocate for discovery and a healthier future for all. #FundNIH

### Research Spotlight

- My research on [disease/condition] would not exist without NIH support. This research is saving lives and is why we need robust NIH funding. #FundNIH

### Organization Event Spotlight

- NIH-supported research is making a difference in every state including at [Organization name], where scientists are tackling [topic] to improve lives. #FundNIH
  - Include specific call out for organization events.

### State Spotlight

- Highlight states of key Members of Congress including Oklahoma, Maine, Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana. Augment to include your organization's research taking place across your organization's membership.
- In [State], NIH-funded research leads to better treatments, clinical trials, and healthier futures for patients and families. Every dollar invested in NIH brings us closer to cures and every cut puts that progress at risk. #FundNIH