



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in the Draft House Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill for FY 2026

September 3, 2025 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the draft fiscal year (FY) 2026 appropriations bill approved on September 2 by the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee.*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research appreciates the efforts of the House Appropriations Committee and Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee leadership to prioritize medical research funding in its FY 2026 spending bill. The Committee’s action underscores the vital need to advance innovative medical research that improves the health and well-being of people across the country.

Support for NIH leads to cures and treatments that combat debilitating health challenges and secures our global leadership in research and technology, as the Committee noted in highlighting the need to counter China’s growing threat in basic science research. NIH also drives economic growth and stability in communities nationwide—every state and almost every congressional district receives a share of NIH funding.

Over 500 organizations united in March to urge lawmakers to continue their bipartisan commitment to medical research by ensuring [at least \\$51.3 billion for NIH’s base program level](#). Failure to sustain long-term investments now will jeopardize decades of lifesaving progress for patients by delaying the cures they urgently need and will allow global adversaries to threaten U.S. leadership in medical research. Additionally, we urge Congress to maintain support for the nation’s research infrastructure and ensure that lifesaving research continues without interruption or arbitrary restrictions, because when laboratories close, projects stall, and clinical trials are halted, the discovery of new cures slows, and patients ultimately suffer.

We also strongly urge Congress to exercise its oversight authority to ensure NIH can fully obligate its appropriation on peer-reviewed research without disruption or delay. Patients should not wonder why rigorously vetted studies are on hold when Congress has provided funding. We urge lawmakers to guarantee NIH’s full appropriation is expended as intended and avoid leaving patients, families, and scientists in limbo.

As the process moves forward, we urge the Committee to continue to recognize medical research as a national priority and advance a bipartisan spending bill that invests robustly in NIH in FY 2026.”

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 500 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.