



## 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 Physiatrists  
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  
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University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
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University of Iowa  
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University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
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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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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito