



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 8, 2022

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

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Shelby:

Thank you for your leadership in championing sustained, real growth in medical research funding. Once Congress returns to session, the 283 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urge you to swiftly finalize a fiscal year (FY) 2023 spending package that prioritizes robust investments in agencies and programs that improve the nation's health and well-being, including funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by the NIH.

We greatly appreciate that both the House Appropriations Committee-passed (H.R. 8295) and Senate Majority (S. 4659) Labor-HHS-Education spending bills include strong increases for the NIH base in FY 2023, which would equip the nation to combat both known and unprecedented health threats, convert the hope of improved health and well-being into a reality for patients and their families, and more. Earlier this year, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research outlined the need for [at least \\$49.1 billion for NIH's base](#) in FY 2023. **To maximize the potential of tomorrow's research discoveries to make rapid progress toward these goals, we urge you to provide at least the House Appropriations Committee-passed \$47.5 billion for NIH's base.** Continuing the momentum of the prior seven years of bipartisan support for meaningful funding growth in the NIH's existing institutes and centers is key to ensuring that the nation can continue to accelerate the development of breakthrough cures while supporting high quality jobs across the country, catalyzing new industries, and enhancing the U.S.'s global competitiveness.

Additionally, we appreciate that both bills ensure that the FY 2023 investment for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplements, rather than supplants, the NIH's base. While complementary, NIH and ARPA-H have distinct and important missions. The NIH is the nation's primary funder of medical research behind almost any test, treatment, or cure for patients; prioritizing strong investments in the NIH's foundational work will be critical to the success of ARPA-H, particularly as it builds its operational capacity as the inaugural director takes office.

Additionally, our organizations strongly support an approach to the final FY 2023 spending package that avoids additional continuing resolutions (CRs) past December. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and add uncertainty. Avoiding further delays in finalizing funding for the current fiscal year will enable our nation's medical research enterprise to be maximally efficient and strategic in addressing myriad health needs in FY 2023. We strongly urge you to work swiftly in securing bipartisan, bicameral agreement on topline discretionary spending allocations and to ensure any final budget agreement reflects a strong commitment to the nation's health and the medical research and workforce that improve it.

Once again, we commend you for continuing to recognize the incomparable value of the federal investment in the NIH, and we look forward to working with you to secure, at a minimum, \$47.5 billion for the agency's base budget, in addition to funding for ARPA-H, in FY 2023.

Sincerely,

283 Signatories as of November 8, 2022

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
Accessia Health
ACT for NIH
AHUS Action Network
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry (AACDP)
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 Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Board of Radiology
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM)
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS)
American Council on Education
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research

Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Otolaryngology
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS)
Association of Pathology Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO)
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Association of University Radiologists
Atrium Health
Autism Speaks
Baylor College of Medicine
Biophysical Society
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Child Neurology Foundation
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Cleveland Clinic
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Skin Diseases
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Creighton University School of Medicine

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Duke Health
Dup15q Alliance
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Eastern Virginia Medical School
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Emory University
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Epilepsy Leadership Council
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Friends of NIA
Gaucher Community Alliance
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Global Liver Institute
Good Days
Henry Ford Health
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hereditary Angioedema Association
HIV Medicine Association
Hope Charities
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
International Pain Foundation
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Johns Hopkins University
KidneyCAN
KRAS Kickers
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Loyola Medicine
LUNGeivity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America

Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
Medical College of Wisconsin
Melanoma Research Foundation
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor
Michelson Center for Public Policy
Michelson Medical Research Foundation
MLD Foundation
Moffitt Cancer Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Health System
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Ataxia Foundation
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Pancreas Foundation
National Postdoctoral Association
National Scleroderma Foundation
Nationwide Children's Hospital
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society
NephCure Kidney International
NorCal CarciNET Community
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Oregon Health & Science University
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Population Association of America
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Ring14 USA
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education

Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Sjögren's Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Thoracic Radiology
South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy
Stanford University
Temple University Health System
The FamilieSCN2A Foundation
The George Washington University
The Gerontological Society of America
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The State University of New York
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tulane University School of Medicine
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
UCLA
UCSF
UMass Chan Medical School
United Ostomy Associations of America
University Hospitals of Cleveland Health System
University of Chicago Medicine
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado System
University of Connecticut
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Texas Medical Branch
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Utah
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UTMB Health
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Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University

cc:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate