



**THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH**

August 6, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Mark Meadows  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leaders McConnell, McCarthy, and Schumer, Secretary Mnuchin, and Mr. Meadows:

As you negotiate emergency supplemental legislation to promote the nation's physical health and economic resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges you to work quickly to finalize a bipartisan agreement and to support emergency funding of at least \$15.5 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as proposed in the Senate Health Education and Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act.

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 that support enhancing the federal investment in the biomedical, behavioral, and population-based research conducted and supported by the NIH.

We are grateful that both the House and Senate COVID-19 relief proposals recognize the need to invest emergency funding in medical research. As the pandemic progresses and the long-term consequences for people affected by it become more clear, the urgency to expand existing and initiate new COVID-19-related research across the agency has increased. Additionally, support is needed to resume pre-pandemic research that was suspended due to lab closures and to address emerging challenges as labs reopen. The associated expenses will only grow as research resumes, and without federal support to offset these costs, we risk delaying our progress toward better prevention, treatments, diagnostics, and cures for cancer, Alzheimer's Disease, heart disease, Parkinson's Disease, substance use disorders, and so many more conditions.

In addition to improving health and advancing discovery, this life-saving work, which is conducted in every state and Washington, D.C., also drives local and national economic activity,

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creating skilled, high-paying jobs and fostering new products and industries. In fiscal year 2019, NIH-funded research supported more than 476,000 jobs across the U.S. and generated more than \$81 billion in new economic activity. Emergency funding to support the federal biomedical research enterprise will help efforts to sustain and restore the nation's economic health broadly, while also aiding early career investigators who are particularly susceptible to career disruptions as a result of the pandemic.

Our progress against COVID-19 – and every other health threat we face – is built on the longstanding bipartisan commitment to medical research. Preserving that investment will be key to continued advances. The Ad Hoc Group urges you to finalize as quickly as possible a relief package with no less than \$15.5 billion for NIH, to buoy patients, catalyze cures, drive science, accelerate innovation, and to support the research workforce and local economies. To ensure that the U.S. maintains its ability to provide new and better cures, diagnostics, and treatments for patients everywhere, emergency support for NIH is essential at this critical time.

Sincerely,

#### **178 Signatories as of August 7, 2020**

Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today  
Alliance for Aging Research  
ALS Association  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association for Women in Radiology  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Council on Education  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Cancer Research  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
American Liver Foundation

American Massage Therapy Association  
American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Roentgen Ray Society  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Matrix Biology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Neuroradiology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urological Association  
Amputee Coalition  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of University Professors of Neurology  
Axis Advocacy  
Biomedical Engineering Society  
Biophysical Society  
Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science

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Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Columbia University  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Coriell Institute for Medical Research  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
Cure Alzheimer's Fund  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke Health  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network, Inc.  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Fabry Support & Information Group  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Hope Charities  
Hope for Stomach Cancer  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Intercultural Cancer Council  
International Essential Tremor Foundation  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Society for Stem Cell Research  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
KidneyCAN  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation  
Medical Image Perception Society  
Men's Health Network  
METAvivor  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Cancer Registrars Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation

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National Pancreas Foundation  
NephCure Kidney International  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
NYU Langone Health  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
PMG Awareness Organization  
Population Association of America  
Preeclampsia Foundation  
PremieWorld, LLC  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Project Sleep  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Radiological Society of North America  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Advanced Body Imaging  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Reproductive Investigation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Breast Imaging  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
Susan G. Komen  
Texas Christian University  
The Brain Donor Project  
The Histochemical Society  
The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
The Society for Pediatric Radiology  
The Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Triage Cancer  
Tufts Medical Center  
Tufts University  
Tulane University Health Sciences Center  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
University of Utah  
University of Virginia Health  
University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

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Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Women First Research Coalition  
Yale University