



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

For Immediate Release

Contact: Dave Moore

202-828-0559

dbmoore@aamc.org

Ad Hoc Group Applauds \$2 Billion Increase for NIH

June 25, 2015 - The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research commends the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee for the \$2 billion increase included in the subcommittee's FY 2016 spending bill for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The Ad Hoc Group particularly thanks Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) for his leadership and vision in championing this increase for NIH. As he notes in his June 23 op-ed in *The Hill*, "A bold commitment to the NIH is essential to address our nation's growing health concerns, spur medical innovation, sustain America's competitiveness and reduce healthcare costs."

Sustained funding for medical research is critical if we are to continue to improve our nation's health, sustain our leadership in medical research, and remain competitive in today's global information and innovation-based economy. The Senate Subcommittee's bill is welcome step toward that goal.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of more than 200 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, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.