



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Markup

June 26, 2018 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding level for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), approved June 26 by the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee (Labor-HHS).*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research applauds Labor-HHS Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) for their bipartisan efforts to continue the Subcommittee's exceptional commitment to medical research.

In addition to providing the hope of better health to millions of patients, NIH funding drives science, accelerates innovation, and supports local economies. We enthusiastically welcome reports that the Subcommittee's FY 2019 spending bill includes a \$2 billion increase to advance the sustained, meaningful budget growth above inflation that is necessary to make these objectives a reality.

We look forward to reviewing details as the process moves forward, and we are grateful to the Senate Labor-HHS Subcommittee and their House counterparts for their ongoing support in championing such a budget trajectory for the agency over the long term. Their leadership has been key in ensuring the U.S. remains the unquestionable global leader in medical research and in enabling researchers nationwide to deliver on the promise of new and better cures, diagnostics, and treatments for patients everywhere.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 300 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.