



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 15, 2021

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 past leadership in championing sustained, real growth in medical research funding. As Congress begins to draft a final fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending package, the 314 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urge you to invest robustly in agencies and programs to improve the nation's health and well-being, including base funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as a key national priority and to finalize the appropriations process as expeditiously as possible. 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-passed (H.R. 4502) and Senate draft Labor-HHS-Education spending bills include strong increases for the NIH base in FY 2022, which would provide greater hope and opportunity for every patient awaiting a cure, every researcher working toward the next breakthrough, and every aspiring scientist considering a career in the lab. **To maximize the potential of medical research to make rapid progress toward these goals, we urge you to provide at least \$46.4 billion for NIH's base, as included in the House-passed bill.** Continuing the momentum of the prior six 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 life-changing cures, pioneering treatments and diagnostics, and innovative preventive strategies.

Additionally, we appreciate that both bills ensure that the new investment for the proposed 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. As such, investment in ARPA-H must not come at the expense of the NIH base. Instead, to fully realize the benefits of the envisioned new entity while simultaneously allowing NIH to keep pace with discovery, an FY 2022 appropriation of at least \$46.4 billion for NIH's base budget is needed. Prioritizing strong investments for foundational research discoveries funded by the NIH will be critical to the success of the visionary new research initiative, particularly as it builds its

operational capacity in its inaugural year and beyond. Likewise, avoiding further delays in finalizing funding determinations will enable both ARPA-H and NIH's planned and existing programs to be maximally efficient and strategic in their work in FY 2022.

To that end, our organizations strongly support an approach to the final FY 2022 spending package that avoids additional CRs past December. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and add uncertainty to a system that is already under stress with the continued reverberations of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

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 \$46.4 billion for the agency's base in FY 2022, in addition to funding you provide for ARPA-H.

Sincerely,

314 Signatories as of November 15, 2021

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Eating Disorders
Academy for Professionalism in Health Care
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
ACT for NIH
AdventHealth
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
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 for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
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
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM)
American College of Cardiology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Council on Education
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Headache Society
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical & Biomedical Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
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 Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)
American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
American Society for Virology
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs (AACBNC)
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC)

Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
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 (AMGDB)
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Pathology Chairs
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 (ASCO)
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Association of University Radiologists
Atrium Health
Autism Speaks
AVAC (AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition)
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Bassett Healthcare Network
Biophysical Society
BJC HealthCare
Boston Medical Center
Boston University
Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research
Brown University
Carle Illinois College of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University
CDH International
Cedars-Sinai
Child Neurology Foundation
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Children's Mercy Kansas City
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation
ChristianaCare
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for the Life Sciences
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Columbia University
COMBINEDBrain
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation

Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Cornell University
Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology
Council on Social Work Education
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
CURE Epilepsy
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Drexel University
Duke Health
Duke University
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
East Carolina University
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Emory University
Endocrine Society
Epilepsy Foundation
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse
GBS/CIDP Foundation International
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Global Liver Institute
Harvard University
HealthyWomen
Henry Ford Health System
HIV Medicine Association
Hope For Stomach Cancer
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Indiana University
Indiana University Health
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Initiative to End Alzheimer's Disease Board of Visitors
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation
Johns Hopkins University and Medicine
Joslin Diabetes Center
KidneyCAN
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Lewy Body Dementia Association
LGS Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America

Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation
March of Dimes
Mass General Brigham
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
MemorialCare Health System
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor
Michelson Center for Public Policy
Michelson Medical Research Foundation
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Pancreas Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
New York Medical College
New York University
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeastern University
Nutrition & Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Oakland University
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Patient Services, Inc.
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
RTI International
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute
Scleroderma Foundation
Sjogren's Foundation
Sleep Research Society

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Surgical Chairs
Society of Toxicology (SOT)
Society of University Surgeons
St. Louis Children's Hospital
Stanford University
Stony Brook University
Syngap1 Foundation
Temple University
Texas A&M Health
The Gerontological Society of America
The Jackson Laboratory
The Maya's Wings Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The State University of New York
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of North Carolina System
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tulane University School of Medicine
UC San Diego
UCLA
UNC Health and UNC School of Medicine
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of California, Irvine
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado System
University of Connecticut
University of Hawai'i System
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Washington
US Hereditary Angioedema Association (HAEA)
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
UVA Health
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Yale University

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader, 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