

September 19, 2022

The Hon. Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Room S-146A, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Richard Shelby  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515,

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

Thank you for your leadership in allocating resources needed to advance the health, wellbeing, and security of all Americans. As in previous years, however, it does not appear that Congress plans to complete its work on FY23 appropriations legislation by the start of the fiscal year on October 1, 2022. We urge you to do all you can to change that trajectory by completing action on appropriations legislation at the start of the fiscal year rather than months into it. This step is critical to fulfilling the vision of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, out-innovating COVID and future pandemics, and seeding public-private sector success in combating deadly and debilitating health threats.

We understand that finalizing FY23 appropriations legislation can be particularly challenging in an election year. That said, Americans need champions who will assure that, despite challenges, Congress and the Administration commit to concluding the FY23 appropriations process on schedule. Achieving this goal will enable a smooth transition between fiscal years and avoid the costly inefficiency and wasted time that results from stop-gap funding measures. It will also avoid locking in federal agency spending from the previous fiscal year, which postpones our nation's ability to address evolving needs and priorities. Our nation needs this flexibility to respond to pressing new challenges rather than being forced to plan for future threats and opportunities using last year's funding landscape.

Our country reaps a strong return on our investment in our federal research agencies. Medical and health research produces life-changing developments such as antibiotics, vaccines, magnetic imaging, and immunotherapy. The research that NIH funds delivers health and economic benefits that multiply over time and far exceed our initial investment. The steadfast commitment of federal policymakers from both sides of the aisle to rebuild the NIH budget over the past decade is helping to restore our nation's place at the forefront of medical progress, a trend we hope to see continue. Freezing NIH in time as the threat of new infectious diseases grow is a dangerous mistake for our nation and a tragic mistake for patients.

The research and development facilitated by the NSF is another example of a successful investment. The NSF is a key engine for our nation's R&D leadership, supporting strategically

important research at more than 1,800 academic institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple U.S. territories. NSF-funded research is the basis of core industries like IT and biopharmaceuticals. It contributes to efforts to thwart bad actors in cyber- and other forms of terrorism, and it advances our nation's interests in countless other ways.

Our nation's timely investment in research and innovation is critical to our future. We are grateful for your role, and that of your staff, in advancing the wellbeing of all Americans. In that same spirit, please exert your leadership to complete FY23 appropriations as soon as possible before the end of FY22.

Thank you for all your hard work and please call on us if we can be helpful to you or your staff moving forward.

Sincerely,

Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities  
Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research  
AcademyHealth  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
ALPHA-1 FOUNDATION  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Behcet's Disease Association (ABDA)  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Radiology  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical & Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Psychological Association Services  
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 Virology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Neuroradiology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Society on Aging  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association for Women in Science  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Population Centers  
Auburn University  
Autoimmune Association  
BETM CONSULTANTS INC.  
Beyond Celiac  
Biocom California  
BioCT  
Biophysical Society  
BodyLanguage, LLC  
BrightFocus Foundation  
Brooklyn-Queens Chapter National Organization for Women  
Ecological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Federation of American Scientists  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerritsen Consulting  
Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation  
Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
HealthyWomen  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network  
International Dementia Advocate & Connector

International SCN8A Alliance/DEE-P Connections  
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine  
JDRF  
John A Burns School of Medicine  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
June Warriors  
Lasker Foundation  
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
Looms for Lupus  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Mass General Brigham  
MLD Foundation  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
National Ataxia Foundation  
National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect  
NDRI  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
OculoTherapy, LLC  
OncoSpherix, Inc  
Pain Advocate Warriors  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
PSC Partners Seeking a Cure  
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)  
Research!America  
Sjogren's Foundation, Inc.  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC)  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
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