



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on FY 2022 Appropriations

February 9, 2022 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the announcement by the House and Senate Appropriations Chairs that negotiators have agreed on a framework for fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending bills:*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is encouraged that a bipartisan, bicameral framework is in place to allow appropriators to draft an FY 2022 omnibus spending bill. We urge Congress to work swiftly to finalize FY 2022 appropriations with at least \$46.4 billion in base funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as approved by the House of Representatives in July 2021.

NIH-supported medical research provides greater hope and opportunity for every patient and family awaiting a cure, every researcher working on the next breakthrough, and every aspiring scientist considering a career in the lab. We are grateful for the longstanding, bipartisan support for the NIH and that both the FY 2022 bills passed by the House and introduced in the Senate include strong funding increases in NIH’s core programming.

To maximize the potential of medical research to make aggressive progress toward our nation’s most pervasive health challenges, we urge lawmakers to work quickly to provide at least the House-passed funding level for NIH’s base, and to ensure any funding provided for the proposed new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplements this essential foundational investment in the NIH.”

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 400 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.