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Ad Hoc Group Calls for Predictable and Sustained Long-Term NIH Funding

Washington, DC, February 26, 2009 – The patients and health professionals, scientists and institutions represented by the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research applaud President Obama for his vision articulated in the FY 2010 budget that “Investments in science and technology foster economic growth, create millions of high-tech, high-wage jobs that allow American workers to lead the global economy, improve the quality of life for all Americans, and strengthen our national security.”

The first step toward achieving this vision was the unprecedented \$10.4 billion provided for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The next step is to build on this investment through predictable and sustained, long-term growth in NIH funding in the FY 2010 budget and beyond.

Ongoing bold and visionary NIH funding is key to enhancing the health and well-being of all Americans through new treatments and cures, as well as fortifying the nation’s economic strength by creating skilled, high-paying jobs, new products and industries, and improved technologies.

The President has issued a call for “a new era of responsibility in which we act not only to save and create new jobs, but also to lay a new foundation of growth upon which we can renew the promise of America.” We look forward to working with the Administration and Congress to fulfill the promise that medical research and NIH hold for restoring our nation’s economic health and enhancing our physical health.

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