THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

The undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which include patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, health professionals, educators, and industry, are exceptionally grateful to Congress for making meaningful, reliable funding support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a key national priority. The nation’s return on investment in NIH research pays a lifetime of dividends in better health and quality of life for all Americans.

Through the strong, bipartisan leadership of House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs Tom Cole and Roy Blunt and Ranking Members Rosa DeLauro and Patty Murray, Congress is helping the agency regain lost ground after years of effectively flat budgets. In the fiscal year (FY) 2018 omnibus, lawmakers continued to make progress reversing those losses by providing a substantial increase to all NIH institutes and centers, in addition to dedicated funding through the 21st Century Cures Act and other funding devoted to specific priorities.

In FY 2019, the Ad Hoc Group recommends at least $39.3 billion for the NIH, including funds provided to the agency through the 21st Century Cures Act for targeted initiatives. This funding level would continue the momentum of recent years by enabling meaningful base budget growth above inflation to expand NIH’s capacity to support promising science in all disciplines, and also would ensure that the Innovation Account supplements the agency’s base budget, as intended, through dedicated funding for specific programs. Given the abundance of scientific opportunity, this recommendation represents a minimum investment to sustain progress that only would be amplified through an even more robust commitment.

The federal investment in biomedical research has yielded a significant number of scientific advances that help improve health outcomes of patients suffering from disease. We are committed to working with Congress and the Administration to further the longstanding, bipartisan tradition of enhancing the federal investment in medical discovery, and ensuring NIH remains a top priority in FY 2019 and beyond.

230 Signatories as of 05.07.18

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
ACT for NIH Foundation
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Addiction Medicine Foundation
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
ALS Association
Alzheimer’s Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women Radiologists
American Association of Anatomists
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 Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicians in Medicine
American Association of Psychiatry Residency Training Directors
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Radiology (ACR)
American College of Rheumatology
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Neurological Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Anatomy Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Black Cardiologists
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 Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Association of University Radiologists
Associations of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs Biophysical Society
Johns Hopkins University
Konica Minolta Healthcare
Lupus Foundation of America
Lupus Research Alliance
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington
March of Dimes
Mayo Clinic
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
METAvivor
Michigan Medicine
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
Montefiore Medicine
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
National Fragile X Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NephCure Kidney International
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
NYU Langone Health
PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Population Association of America
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
QalibreMD, Inc.
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
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