



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in the Draft House Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill for FY 2024

July 13, 2023 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding the draft fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bill released by the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee on July 13, which would cut funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$3.8 billion, including cuts to NIH's base, a failure to reverse reductions in funding from the Innovation Account in the 21st Cures Act, and a reduction in new funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health:*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is gravely concerned about the impact that the draft spending bill would have on patients, families, and communities that rely on medical research supported by the National Institutes of Health. Rather than cutting billions of dollars for NIH-supported medical research occurring in nearly every congressional district across the country, lawmakers should be building on and augmenting decades of strong bipartisan support and investment that has led to nearly every medication people use today.

We recognize the difficult task appropriators face given the inadequate discretionary spending levels outlined in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. However, as we've indicated previously, underfunding the world's premier medical research agency will bring detrimental consequences to the health of all Americans now and in the future. In addition to undermining ongoing progress toward new cures, treatments, diagnostics, and preventive interventions, the shortfalls in medical research funding will hamper economic growth in communities nationwide where NIH-supported research occurs. It also will threaten our economic competitiveness with global adversaries that recognize the returns that medical research yields. For these reasons, nearly 400 members of the medical research stakeholder community joined in March to urge lawmakers to continue their bipartisan commitment to medical research and ensure [at least \\$51 billion for the NIH's base program level](#), and that imperative remains just as urgent today.

For every individual who will receive a devastating diagnosis today, every family grappling with ongoing health challenges, and every American concerned about the potential of existing and emerging threats to devastate our national security, the Ad Hoc Group strongly urges the Subcommittee to work in a bipartisan manner to reject cuts to medical research and instead provide robust funding for NIH in FY 2024.”

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.