



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Draft Senate FY 2023 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

July 29, 2022 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to proposed funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the draft fiscal year (FY) 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education spending bill released on July 28 by Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.):*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research appreciates the \$2 billion increase in base funding for the NIH in the draft Senate spending bill released yesterday. We are also grateful that both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees recognize the NIH and medical research as a key national priority, as shown through an eighth straight year of funding growth proposed in both chambers. The ongoing commitment of our tireless champions to support scientific discovery toward improved health continues to have a profound impact on people’s lives every day.

To make continued progress against the myriad diseases and disorders affecting patients across this country, prepare for future public health threats, and support the research workforce and local economies, it will be essential to maximize the nation’s investment in medical research. Nearly 400 members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research have urged Congress to provide \$49 billion for NIH’s base in FY 2023, in addition to any funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, to make these objectives a reality.

We look forward to working with both chambers toward a bipartisan FY 2023 spending bill that provides robust funding for the NIH base budget as expeditiously as possible.”

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.