

Select Statements in Support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education
Markup of Draft FY 2018 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill

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Subcommittee Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

“The National Institutes of Health, our nation’s premier biomedical research agency is funded at \$1.1 billion above last year. NIH is looking to find cures for Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, and develop the next generation of medical treatment through the use of precision medicine techniques. We need to continue to build upon the \$2 billion increase provided in last year’s omnibus and indeed in the year before. I view this mark as the floor, not as the ceiling, for biomedical research funding. And I’m hopeful that this number can increase, as the process goes on, as indeed it did in the last two years we’ve done this.”

Committee Chair Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.)

“I am pleased that the bill continues funding for our great National Institutes of Health - which conducts research in collaboration with thousands of colleges and universities, including in my home state of New Jersey – and that your bill provides targeted increased to fighting Alzheimer’s and cancer.”

Committee Ranking Member Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.)

“One of my proudest achievements is increasing funding for the National Institutes of Health working with my colleagues on this subcommittee, so I am very pleased that this bill would increase it by \$1.1 billion.”