

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in the Senate Appropriations Committee's FY 2025 Labor-HHS Bill

August 2, 2024 – The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the (FY) 2025 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 1:

"The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research applauds the Committee's bipartisan efforts to bolster medical research with approximately \$2 billion in new funding for the NIH. Such an investment will be key in supporting medical research across the country, one of our nation's greatest assets in combatting debilitating health challenges that affect patients, families, and communities everywhere.

Particularly in the context of the current constrained fiscal environment, we are grateful that the bill invests in the NIH by reversing scheduled cuts to funding from the 21st Century Cures Act and restores funding for Cures initiatives to FY 2023 levels. We also appreciate the Committee's bipartisan commitment to avoiding problematic policy provisions.

To make continued progress against the myriad diseases and disorders affecting patients across the country and support the research workforce and local economies, we must resume predictable, robust growth in NIH investment. For these reasons, in March, nearly 400 organizations representing patients, clinicians, scientists, educators, academic and research institutions, industry, and other stakeholders joined in recommending at least \$51.3 billion for the NIH's base program level as necessary to capitalize on the abundance of scientific opportunity, strengthen our medical research workforce, and ensure the U.S. remains the global leader in science and technology.

The Ad Hoc Group thanks the chairs and vice chairs of the full Committee and the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee for their leadership. Our community looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee and all lawmakers toward a bipartisan spending bill that provides robust funding for NIH 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.