



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Stalled Negotiations on COVID-19 Relief

August 14, 2020 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement after negotiations stalled between Congress and the White House on the COVID-19 emergency relief package:*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges congressional and White House negotiators to resume negotiations and finalize without further delay a COVID-19 relief package that addresses the immense needs of all Americans, including a much-needed investment in the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Emergency funding for medical research supported by the NIH will maximize our nation’s capacity to address the current pandemic, take steps to prevent a recurrence of COVID-19 or the emergence of future pandemics, and sustain momentum for scientific and medical advancements related to a myriad of existing health threats facing Americans on a daily basis. Strengthening the federal commitment to research will work to improve people’s health, enhance the nation’s resilience, support our nation’s global competitiveness, and work to bolster the local and regional economic challenges our country is facing during this unprecedented time.

Nearly 200 members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research [sent an August 6 letter](#) expressing strong support for at least \$15.5 billion in emergency funding for the NIH as part of the next COVID-19 relief package.

The Ad Hoc Group is also grateful to bipartisan members of Congress who have vocalized their support for this important investment in medical research. We look forward to working with lawmakers and the administration to advance new COVID-19-related projects and resume pre-pandemic research to address the full array of health challenges that patients face daily, by providing much needed emergency funding for NIH as quickly as possible.”

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 330 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.