



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Medical Research Week Resolution

September 18, 2024— *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the introduction of H. Res. 1458, which would recognize the contributions of medical research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in improving health and well-being and observing “Medical Research Week” from September 16 through September 20, 2024.*

“Medical research supported by the NIH turns the hope of improved health into a reality for patients and their families, and we thank Representatives Andre Carson (D-Ind.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.) Lloyd Smucker (R-Pa.), and Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio.) for introducing the resolution today to highlight the vital role medical research plays across the nation.

Through events this week such as the Rally for Medical Research, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network’s Annual Leadership Summit and Lobby Day, and Research!America’s National Health Research Forum, advocates nationwide will be urging Congress to continue to advance the nation’s commitment to medical research. At this time of unprecedented scientific opportunity, and to make progress in addressing the nation’s most burdensome and devastating diseases, sustained and robust growth in the foundational work the NIH supports will be essential. Not only does medical research improve the health and well-being of patients through cutting-edge treatments and cures, the investment in NIH also boosts local and regional economies and helps secure the nation’s global leadership in research and innovation.

While we commemorate Medical Research Week, for patients, families, and communities across the country, the hope that NIH-supported research promises is palpable every single day. We urge lawmakers to join in support of the resolution and work to reinvest in the NIH. If we are to fully realize the potential of medical discovery, we must ensure robust growth for the NIH in this fiscal year and beyond.”

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.