



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on the Passage of an Additional FY 2018 Continuing Resolution

January 22, 2018 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to passage by the House and Senate of a continuing resolution to extend funding for federal operations through February 8, 2018:*

Millions of patients rely on critical research taking place in labs across the United States with support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Yet, despite strong, bipartisan support for increasing the investment in NIH funding, the agency will remain in budget limbo midway through the fiscal year. While we are pleased that Congress has voted to reopen the government, the ongoing cycle of continuing resolutions creates uncertainty that is disruptive to the long-term endeavor of biomedical research and imposes unnecessary delays on the pathway to cures.

Thanks in large part to the work of appropriators on both sides of the aisle, the national commitment to medical research in recent years has been resounding, and fiscal year (FY) 2018 offers an opportunity to sustain that momentum. The Ad Hoc Group urges lawmakers to finalize, without any further delay, a bipartisan budget deal that raises the non-defense discretionary caps and enables a final FY 2018 spending bill that provides at least a \$36.1 billion investment in the NIH.

Patients have waited long enough.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 300 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.