

October 16, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member DeLauro and Ranking Member Murray,

The undersigned organizations write to thank you and your respective staff members for securing meaningful funding increases for medical and public health research in the Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education/Defense Appropriations conference report (H.R. 6157).

Your extraordinary bipartisan leadership led to an additional \$2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), further empowering this agency to confront serious biomedical and public health challenges that impact the health, well-being and economic prosperity of our nation. We look forward to working with you during the FY 2020 appropriations process to build on this momentum and to also advance other crucially important Department of Health and Human Services agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Our organizations want to be sure that you and your staff members know how much we appreciate what you accomplished in passing this legislation before the start of the new fiscal year and including funding that will power more progress against deadly and debilitating health threats. Because of your hard work and vision, the essential, multi-faceted benefits of science will accrue faster to America and Americans.

Sincerely,

Research!America
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation
AdvaMed
Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Patient Access
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM)
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Alzheimer's Orange County
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Chemical Society
American Chronic Pain Association
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Rheumatology
American Dental Education Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Liver Foundation
American Physiological Society
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Virology
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association

American Veterinary Medical Association
Americans for Medical Progress
ASBMR
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Centers
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI)
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)
Audentes Therapeutics
Autism Speaks
AVAC
Axis Advocacy
Battelle Memorial Institute
Baylor College of Medicine
Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason
Beyond Celiac
Biophysical Society
Caregiver Action Network
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
City of Hope
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Clinical Trials Awareness
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
College of Graduate Health Sciences, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Columbia University
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Council of Scientific Society Presidents
Cystic Fibrosis Engagement Network (CFEN)
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke Health
Duke University
Duke University School of Medicine
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
EB Research Partnership
Education and Research Consulting

Emory Healthcare
Emory University
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FasterCures/Milken Institute
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Feta Med, Inc.
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Foundation for a Smoke-Free World
Foundation for Vaccine Research
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Friends of Cancer Research
Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Georgia Tech
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
Health Care Systems Research Network
Heart Rhythm Society
HIV Medicine Association
Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa
Hydrocephalus Association
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Jewell Jackson McCabe
Johnson & Johnson
Jonah's Just Begun-Foundation to Cure Sanfilippo
Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden
Kent State University
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Lewy Body Dementia Association
Louisiana State University
LSU - Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
Mary Fogarty McAndrew
Mayo Clinic
METAvivor
MLD Foundation
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation

National Association for Biomedical Research
National Coalition of 100 Black Women
National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect
National MPS Society
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)
NBIA Disorders Association
NDRI
NephCure Kidney International
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Oakland University
One Mind
Oral Health America (OHA)
Organization Name as to be listed on letter
Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation
Penn Medicine
Penn State College of Medicine
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Richard Nakamura, Ph.D., retired
Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society For Biomaterials
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Prevention Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Solve ME/CFS Initiative
Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation
Texas A&M University
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Texas Society for Biomedical Research
The American Society of Breast Surgeons
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)
The California Society for Biomedical Research
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
The Children's Inn at NIH
The J. David Gladstone Institutes

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Marfan Foundation
The Myositis Association
The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures
The New York Academy of Medicine
The Prevent Cancer Foundation
The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc.
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
The University of Kansas Cancer Center
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Thomas R. Cech, Ph.D., BioFrontiers Institute
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
UNC Health Care System & UNC School of Medicine
United for Medical Research
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Georgia
University of Illinois System
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Vermont College of Medicine
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
UTHealth - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vietnam Veterans of America
Weill Cornell Medicine
Yale School of Medicine