



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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### **Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in Draft Senate FY 2022 Spending Bill**

**October 19, 2021** — *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to funding included for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the draft fiscal year (FY) 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education spending bill released on October 18 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

“The Ad Hoc Group is grateful to Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and full committee Chair Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) for their leadership in including a seventh straight year of meaningful funding growth in the NIH budget through a proposed \$2.6 billion increase for the NIH’s base budget in the Senate’s draft FY 2022 spending bill.

It is apparent now more than ever that continued strong investments in medical research will reap myriad benefits in the years to come. Robust and timely investments today will lead to tomorrow’s strong research workforce; resilience against pandemics and common health threats; thriving local economies; and, most importantly, lifesaving treatments, diagnostics, preventive measures, and cures for patients across the country.

Additionally, we appreciate that, like the House-passed bill, the Senate draft ensures that the new investment for the proposed Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health supplements, rather than supplants, the NIH’s base. Strong funding for the NIH base budget will be critical to the success of the new research initiative, and we applaud the bill’s recognition of this imperative.

Support for medical research has been a longstanding bipartisan priority, and as we applaud both Chairwoman Murray and Ranking Member Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) for their history of leadership in this area, we also urge that same spirit of bipartisanship to guide a quick and robust resolution to the FY 2022 spending bill. The current continuing resolution will slow progress, reduce efficiency, and prevent the initiation of innovative research programs. Following House passage of a \$3.5 billion increase for the NIH base, the release of the Senate draft bill should jumpstart efforts for the House and Senate to work together without delay to approve a FY 2022 spending bill. We urge Congress to work to include at least the House-passed investment of a \$3.5 billion increase for the NIH base budget.”

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*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.*