



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on House FY 2024 Labor-HHS Spending Bill

November 9, 2023 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 5894), which would impose dramatic funding cuts, including a \$2.8 billion cut to the base of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), scheduled to be considered by the House Rules Committee on November 13:*

“Through its untenable cuts to the NIH, the Labor-HHS spending bill under consideration would undermine medical research across the country, stymie our economic competitiveness with global adversaries, weaken efforts to prevent emerging threats to our national security, and negatively affect patients, families, and communities from urban centers to rural frontiers.

As the House considers the bill, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges lawmakers to reverse these damaging cuts and reject any amendments that would impose further harm and arbitrary restrictions on the nation’s medical research enterprise. Otherwise, we will be forced to oppose this bill. We urge lawmakers to take a bipartisan approach to completing FY 2024 appropriations in a timely manner and to invest robustly in the NIH.”

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.