

November 23, 2009

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The more than 330 undersigned patient groups, scientific and medical societies, research institutions, and industry organizations sincerely thank you for your commitment to “restore science to its rightful place” and for the historic short-term support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) demonstrated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Our organizations strongly supported that provision of the bill because, as you and your administration consistently champion, the future of this nation’s health and economy depends on bold, sustained investment in research.

We write today to urge you to maintain the remarkable scientific and economic momentum ARRA is generating by making NIH a continued high priority in Fiscal Year 2011. We ask you to make permanent NIH’s promising new capacity, avoiding a steep drop-off in its scientific potential and its proven ability to serve as job generator and key component of the R&D platform for the nation’s biomedical and high-tech economies. Robust, sustained funding will ensure NIH-supported scientists can aggressively pursue solutions to the most challenging threats to our health. From cancer to Alzheimer’s disease, autism to heart disease, depression to diabetes, HIV/AIDS to blindness, hope for millions of Americans depends on progress made through research, and promising, high-quality ARRA-funded research is now underway on these health conditions, as well as many more. The knowledge generated by research is also fundamental to transforming U.S. health care from a “sick-care” system to a system focused on preventing disease and promoting wellness. Indeed, we can say unequivocally that historic strong medical research investments have created the proven pathway to improved health, better quality of life, and expanded earnings potential for millions of Americans. Faster progress on preventing, delaying and treating illness is more important than ever as Americans age and become more diverse.

When NIH invests in discovery, it spurs economic growth. NIH Director Francis Collins recently stated that ARRA grants will create or retain 50,000 jobs in communities nationwide over the two-year period. This is in addition to the impact on supporting businesses that thrive when the biomedical sector grows. Moreover, NIH dollars promote global economic competitiveness – they serve as a powerful catalyst for additional public and private research investment and jobs, and this nation’s commitment to basic science has made America the world leader in medical and scientific discovery. Finally, local and state economies nationwide benefit from NIH investments. Eighty-five percent of the NIH budget is invested in U.S. communities through universities, medical schools, hospitals, research institutes, and innovative small businesses in every state.

The large and diverse research and patient communities, representing millions of individuals, stand united in support of strong NIH funding in FY 2011. With continued gratitude and support, we ask you to invest in NIH, thereby ensuring America capitalizes on the historic opportunity generated by ARRA. NIH funded research gives patients hope, and directly serves the long-term health and economic needs of the nation.

Sincerely,

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Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
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Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
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Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Microbicide Development  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
The ALS Association  
Alstrom Syndrome International  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
The American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science  
American Association for Respiratory Care  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Medical Genetics  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
The American College of Radiology  
American Diabetes Association  
The American Federation for Medical Research  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
The American Pain Foundation  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Psychosomatic Society  
American Sickle Cell Anemia Association  
American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition

The American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
The American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology (ASN)  
American Society of Neurorehabilitation  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)  
American Society of Transplantation (AST)  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Society on Aging  
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Americans for Medical Progress  
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Angioma Alliance  
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Association for Patient-Oriented Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
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Association of Medical School Pediatric Chairs  
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Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Specialty Professors  
Arthritis Foundation  
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Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research Education & Support (CARES) Foundation, Inc.  
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Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
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Cystinosis Foundation  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
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FACES: The National Craniofacial Association  
Family Voices  
FasterCures  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
Fibrous Dysplasia Foundation  
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Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types  
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Friends of Cancer Research  
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Geoffrey Beene Foundation Alzheimer's Initiative  
Ground Zero Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
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HealthSaaS.net  
Health Sciences South Carolina  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Hereditary Disease Foundation  
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Huntington's Disease Society of America  
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National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators  
National Ataxia Foundation  
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National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)  
National Collaborative on Aging  
National Eczema Association  
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
National Fragile X Foundation  
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National Kidney Foundation  
National Marfan Foundation  
National MPS Society  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
National PKU Alliance  
National Postdoctoral Association  
National Primate Research Centers  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
National Sleep Foundation  
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc. (NTSAD)  
Nebraska Center for Virology  
NephCure Foundation  
New York Medical College  
New York Stem Cell Foundation  
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Northwest Association for Biomedical Research  
Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine.  
NYU Langone Medical Center  
The Ohio State University Medical Center  
The Olive Branch Fund  
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Parkinson's Action Network  
Partners HealthCare  
Penn Medicine  
Penn State College of Medicine  
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
The Periodic Paralysis Association  
The Peripheral Arterial Disease Coalition  
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PersonalGenomes.org  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
Personalized Medicine Partners, LLC  
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Prader-Willi Alliance of New York, Inc.  
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA)  
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PWSA (USA)  
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Quest Diagnostics Incorporated  
The Rare Bone Disease Patient Network  
Research!America  
Results for Life  
Rett Syndrome Research Trust  
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Scalable Computing Experts Inc.  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA)  
The Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois

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Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Society for Clinical and Translational Research  
Society for General Internal Medicine  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Southwest Association for Education in Biomedical Research  
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital  
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Test Positive Aware Network  
The TMJ Association  
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Turner Syndrome Society of the United States  
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Venous Disease Coalition  
VHL Family Alliance  
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