



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Applauds \$2.6 Billion Increase for NIH in FY 2020 Spending Bill

December 17, 2019 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the fiscal year (FY) 2020 spending package released December 16, which provides \$41.7 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a \$2.6 billion increase over FY 2019.*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research strongly supports the \$2.6 billion increase for NIH included in the FY 2020 spending package and urges Congress and President Trump to quickly finalize this important investment for patients, families, and researchers.

The Ad Hoc Group is extremely grateful that Congressional leaders and House and Senate Appropriations Committee leadership continue to support sustained, robust funding growth for NIH in FY 2020, to build on the momentum of the previous four fiscal years and to continue to expand NIH's capacity to support foundational and life-saving research. In particular, we commend Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.), and House Subcommittee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-Okla.), for continuing the longstanding bipartisan, bicameral tradition of championing a national commitment to medical research.

Every day, researchers supported by NIH across the country make progress in their efforts to give patients and families the hope of a healthier future. At a time of unparalleled scientific opportunity, it is especially important to have the steady, sustainable NIH budget growth provided in this bill to transform the abundance of promising ideas into new and better diagnostics, treatments, and cures that improve the lives of every American.

We encourage Congress and the Administration to enact the FY 2020 appropriations bills, including \$41.7 billion for NIH, without further delay.

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.