



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in Year-End Legislation

December 20, 2022 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.*

“The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research applauds the \$2.5 billion increase for NIH’s base budget included in the fiscal year (FY) 2023 omnibus, and that funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health supplements this critical investment. Medical research turns the hope of improved health into a reality, and the FY 2023 spending bill released today takes a major step forward in advancing the critical foundational science necessary to develop preventive measures, diagnostics, treatments, and cures we have yet to discover. The increased investment in the NIH will support important research, a growing and more diverse research workforce, as well as the patients and families who benefit from these life-changing discoveries.

We are grateful to House and Senate appropriators, particularly the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies leadership who have been extraordinary champions for medical research, driving an eighth consecutive year of bipartisan growth for the NIH amid many discretionary priorities.

We urge lawmakers to work quickly to pass the omnibus. At this time of unprecedented scientific opportunity and heightened global competitiveness, sustained, robust growth in the foundational work the NIH supports will be essential to ensure we are not placing unnecessary bounds on our capacity for discovery in this fiscal year and beyond.”

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.