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Ad Hoc Group Calls on Senate to Approve Omnibus Spending Bill, Provide NIH with Additional Funds to Improve Health

Washington, DC, December 9, 2010 – The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urged the Senate to pass an FY 2011 omnibus appropriations bill that includes an increase of \$750 million for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In a letter to all senators, the Ad Hoc Group stated that holding the NIH budget at the FY 2010 level “will slow research progress and squander invaluable scientific opportunities, to the detriment of our nation’s health and our ability to maintain leadership in the global innovation economy.” The Group noted that “Recent investments have created dramatic new research opportunities in areas ranging from genetics to behavioral research, spurring advancements and precipitating the promise of personalized medicine that will yield far-reaching health and economic benefits.”

The Group’s letter also reiterated the critical importance of continuing “to capitalize on the momentum of previous investments to drive research progress, train the next generation of scientists, create jobs, and promote economic growth” and urged the Senate to “help ensure the nation does not lose the health and economic benefits of our extraordinary commitment to medical research.”

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The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 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, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.