



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Applauds \$2 Billion Increase for NIH

Washington, DC, May 1, 2017 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the fiscal year (FY) 2017 spending package released today, which provides \$34.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a \$2 billion increase including \$352 million provided in the 21st Century Cures Act for targeted initiatives.*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research strongly supports the \$2 billion increase for the NIH included in the FY 2017 spending package and urges Congress and President Trump to finalize this investment without further delay.

Every day, researchers supported by NIH nationwide make progress in their efforts to bring to life patients' hopes of a healthier future. This funding level would continue a budget trajectory for the agency that drives that vision forward at a time of unparalleled scientific opportunity. We must maintain steady, sustainable NIH budget growth, as this package does, to transform the abundance of promising ideas into new and better diagnostics and treatments that improve the lives of every American.

We applaud leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for persevering in support of a robust investment in NIH in FY 2017 to build on their success in FY 2016. 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 Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), for continuing the longstanding bipartisan, bicameral tradition of championing the national commitment to medical research.

We look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to secure \$34.1 billion for NIH in FY 2017 without further delay.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of more than 200 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.