



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Draft House Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

June 14, 2018 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the draft fiscal year (FY) 2019 spending bill released June 14 by the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee (Labor-HHS).*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research greatly appreciates the Subcommittee's continued support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a key national priority with an increase of over \$1 billion in the FY 2019 Labor-HHS spending bill.

For the United States to continue to accelerate the development of life-changing cures for patients, recruit and retain top talent in research careers, and outpace competitors in the global innovation economy, it is essential to ensure sustained, meaningful growth above inflation for NIH. We recognize that the Subcommittee was limited in its ability to invest more fully in the agency due to its inadequate spending allocation, and we are grateful for the Subcommittee's continued efforts to champion medical research that transforms lives.

Thanks in large part to the Subcommittee's leadership, the national commitment to medical research in recent years has never been stronger, advancing progress in science across the biomedical research enterprise. The Ad Hoc Group looks forward to continuing to work with lawmakers in both chambers towards a bipartisan bill that avoids problematic policy riders and provides a robust increase over inflation for NIH in FY 2019.

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.