



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in Senate FY 2020 Spending Bill

September 18, 2019 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to funding included for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the fiscal year (FY) 2020 spending bill released by the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

The Ad Hoc Group commends the spending bill's \$3 billion increase for the NIH as a tremendous investment to accelerate the promise of better health for patients while ensuring stability in the nation's research capacity. Such an investment models the robust, sustained funding growth required to provide hope to millions of patients and their families by supporting research that leads to new treatments, cures, and diagnostics, while boosting our global competitiveness and supporting local economies.

We are grateful to Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.), and their House counterparts, for the longstanding emphasis they have placed on bolstering NIH. We look forward to continuing to work with these extraordinary champions for medical research toward a final bipartisan spending package that continues this commitment in FY 2020.

Additionally, given the detrimental effects of continuing resolutions on the research enterprise, the Ad Hoc Group encourages lawmakers in both chambers to work swiftly toward enactment of a bipartisan spending bill that avoids unnecessary delays in scientific progress.

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.