The 338 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which represents patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, health professionals, educators, and industry, are extremely grateful to Congress for making meaningful, reliable funding support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a key national priority. NIH-funded research not only has improved our understanding of the fundamental life and health sciences but also has facilitated development of ever-evolving diagnostic and therapeutic advances. As a result, our ability to prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat diseases has increased dramatically over time.

As a result of the strong, bipartisan vision of Senate and House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee leaders Senators Roy Blunt and Patty Murray, and Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Tom Cole, over the last five years, Congress has helped the agency regain some of the ground lost after years of effectively flat budgets. This most welcome renewed investment in NIH has increased the pace of biomedical research, reenergized existing and aspiring scientists nationwide, and restored hope for patients and their families. Today, more than ever before, we are on the cusp of profound new advances in science and medicine, such as cancer immunotherapies and gene-editing tools. These discoveries can help solve some of our greatest health challenges and hold great potential to yield treatments for devastating diseases that currently have none.

To further realize the potential of medical research, we must continue this forward momentum.

For FY 2021, the Ad Hoc Group recommends $44.7 billion for the NIH, a $3 billion increase over NIH’s program level funding in FY 2020. This funding level would allow for meaningful growth above inflation in the base budget and would expand NIH’s capacity to support promising science in all disciplines across the agency. It also would ensure that funding from the Innovation Account established in the 21st Century Cures Act would supplement the agency’s base budget, as intended, through dedicated funding for specific programs.

We further recommend a funding allocation for the Labor-HHS Subcommittee that allows for the necessary investment in NIH and other agencies that promote the health of our nation. Our community recognizes the difficult fiscal choices that lawmakers face; in this time of unprecedented scientific opportunity, we urge Congress to enable and support a continued commitment to medical research.

338 Signatories as of February 12, 2020
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Agfa HealthCare
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women Radiologists
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology ®
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Council on Education
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Headache Society (AHS)
American Heart Association (AHA)
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical & Biomedical Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Association of University Radiologists
Autism Speaks
Biomedical Engineering Society
Biophysical Society
Boston Medical Center
Boston University
Brain Aneurysm Foundation
Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Child Neurology Foundation
Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation, Inc. (The)
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Association
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Children's Mercy Kansas City
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
Creighton University School of Medicine
Cribs for Kids, Inc.
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Dementia Society of America
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Down with Dystonia
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Duke University
Dup15q Alliance  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Carolina University  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Emory University  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Leadership Council  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
Florida State University  
FND Hope International  
Foundation for Vaccine Research  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Friends of the National Institute on Aging (FoNIA)  
GBS|CIDP International  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Hackensack Meridian Health  
Harvard University  
Henry Ford Health System  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hologic, Inc.  
I AM ALS  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Association of Medical Science Educators  
International Essential Tremor Foundation  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)  
International Society for Stem Cell Research  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
JOHN & AMY MEWHINEY CANCER FOUNDATION  
Johns Hopkins University  
Konica Minolta Healthcare  
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation  
Lymphatic Education and Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Mayo Clinic  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Image Perception Society  
Medical Library Association  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
METAvivor
Michigan State University
Mickie’s Miracles
Moffitt Cancer Center
Mount Sinai Health System
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye & Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Foundation
National Fragile X Foundation
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Palliative Care Research Center
National Pancreas Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NYU Langone Health
Oregon Health & Science University
Partners HealthCare
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
SABI
Scleroderma Foundation
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
SLC6A1 Connect
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society of Abdominal Radiology
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa Health Care
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Utah
University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine
University of Virginia Health
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
UTHealth | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Washington State University
West Virginia University
Wishes for Elliott
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University