



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 8, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Shelby:

Thank you for your leadership in championing sustained, real growth in medical research funding. Once Congress returns to session, the 283 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urge you to swiftly finalize a fiscal year (FY) 2023 spending package that prioritizes robust investments in agencies and programs that improve the nation's health and well-being, including funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by the NIH.

We greatly appreciate that both the House Appropriations Committee-passed (H.R. 8295) and Senate Majority (S. 4659) Labor-HHS-Education spending bills include strong increases for the NIH base in FY 2023, which would equip the nation to combat both known and unprecedented health threats, convert the hope of improved health and well-being into a reality for patients and their families, and more. Earlier this year, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research outlined the need for [at least \\$49.1 billion for NIH's base](#) in FY 2023. **To maximize the potential of tomorrow's research discoveries to make rapid progress toward these goals, we urge you to provide at least the House Appropriations Committee-passed \$47.5 billion for NIH's base.** Continuing the momentum of the prior seven years of bipartisan support for meaningful funding growth in the NIH's existing institutes and centers is key to ensuring that the nation can continue to accelerate the development of breakthrough cures while supporting high quality jobs across the country, catalyzing new industries, and enhancing the U.S.'s global competitiveness.

Additionally, we appreciate that both bills ensure that the FY 2023 investment for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplements, rather than supplants, the NIH's base. While complementary, NIH and ARPA-H have distinct and important missions. The NIH is the nation's primary funder of medical research behind almost any test, treatment, or cure for patients; prioritizing strong investments in the NIH's foundational work will be critical to the success of ARPA-H, particularly as it builds its operational capacity as the inaugural director takes office.

Additionally, our organizations strongly support an approach to the final FY 2023 spending package that avoids additional continuing resolutions (CRs) past December. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and add uncertainty. Avoiding further delays in finalizing funding for the current fiscal year will enable our nation's medical research enterprise to be maximally efficient and strategic in addressing myriad health needs in FY 2023. We strongly urge you to work swiftly in securing bipartisan, bicameral agreement on topline discretionary spending allocations and to ensure any final budget agreement reflects a strong commitment to the nation's health and the medical research and workforce that improve it.

Once again, we commend you for continuing to recognize the incomparable value of the federal investment in the NIH, and we look forward to working with you to secure, at a minimum, \$47.5 billion for the agency's base budget, in addition to funding for ARPA-H, in FY 2023.

Sincerely,

**283 Signatories as of November 8, 2022**

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
Accessia Health  
ACT for NIH  
AHUS Action Network  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine  
American Association for Anatomy  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry (AACDP)  
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 Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Board of Radiology  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM)  
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 College of Surgeons  
American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS)  
American Council on Education  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Institute for Cancer Research  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research

Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Otolaryngology  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of Academic Physiatrists  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs  
Association of Bioethics Program Directors  
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS)  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics  
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities  
Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO)  
Association of University Professors of Neurology  
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology  
Association of University Radiologists  
Atrium Health  
Autism Speaks  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Biophysical Society  
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Cleveland Clinic  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition for Skin Diseases  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Columbia University  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Coriell Institute for Medical Research  
Cornell University  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Creighton University School of Medicine

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
Cure Alzheimer's Fund  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth Health  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Duke Health  
Dup15q Alliance  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Eastern Virginia Medical School  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Emory University  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Leadership Council  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Friends of NIA  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Global Liver Institute  
Good Days  
Henry Ford Health  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope Charities  
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association  
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research  
International Pain Foundation  
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine  
International Society for Stem Cell Research  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Johns Hopkins University  
KidneyCAN  
KRAS Kickers  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Loyola Medicine  
LUNGeivity Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America

Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Melanoma Research Foundation  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
METAvivor  
Michelson Center for Public Policy  
Michelson Medical Research Foundation  
MLD Foundation  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mount Sinai Health System  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)  
National Ataxia Foundation  
National Eczema Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Postdoctoral Association  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society  
NephCure Kidney International  
NorCal CarciNET Community  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition  
NYU Langone Health  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Penn State University  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Project Sleep  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)  
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee  
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Ring14 USA  
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Society for Academic Continuing Medical Education

Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University  
Sjögren's Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine  
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Radiology  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Reproductive Investigation  
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Thoracic Radiology  
South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy  
Stanford University  
Temple University Health System  
The FamilieSCN2A Foundation  
The George Washington University  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The State University of New York  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tulane University School of Medicine  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
UCLA  
UCSF  
UMass Chan Medical School  
United Ostomy Associations of America  
University Hospitals of Cleveland Health System  
University of Chicago Medicine  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado System  
University of Connecticut  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
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University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine  
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Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
West Virginia University  
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine  
World Molecular Imaging Society  
Yale University

cc:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate