



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Pelosi, and Minority Leader Schumer:

The 216 undersigned organizations of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research thank you for your ongoing leadership in maintaining the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a key national priority. As Congress moves forward with the fiscal year (FY) 2018 spending bills, we write to urge enactment of a bicameral, bipartisan budget agreement that raises the spending caps and enables a \$36.1 billion investment in NIH in FY 2018, as approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research represents 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 NIH.

We are thankful for recent increases to NIH funding and appreciate Congress' continued support for medical research, which offers the hope of better health for patients and inspires the nation's next generation of scientists who seek tomorrow's cures. We are also grateful that both the House and Senate FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS) funding bills continue this momentum by recognizing NIH as an important federal investment. Building on this commitment will ensure a steady pipeline of basic research discoveries and advancing the translational effort necessary to improve prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease requires a sustained commitment to the

NIH. The \$2 billion increase provided in the Senate Labor-HHS bill would allow a continued trajectory of predictable growth necessary to achieve these objectives.

We are concerned, however, that without relief from sequestration, final funding for critical federal agencies like the NIH could face significant hurdles. Our country is known for its outstanding medical research capacity, but the discretionary spending caps imposed by sequestration will jeopardize our competitive edge in an increasingly innovation-based global marketplace. To maintain our leadership, we must reaffirm this commitment by providing biomedical research enterprise the support needed to maintain our competitive edge.

As you work to finalize FY 2018 appropriations, we respectfully urge you to maintain the nation's investment in biomedical research and develop a bipartisan solution that eases the non-defense discretionary caps and allows for robust funding for the NIH.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Adult Congenital Heart Association
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Academy of Pediatrics
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 Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
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 Cardiology
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Cell Biology

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
 American Society for Investigative Pathology
 American Society for Microbiology
 American Society for Nutrition
 American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
 American Society for Radiation Oncology
 American Society for Reproductive Medicine
 American Society of Anesthesiologists
 American Society of Clinical Oncology
 American Society of Hematology
 American Society of Human Genetics
 American Society of Nephrology
 American Society of Neuroradiology
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
 American Society of Radiologic Technologists
 American Thoracic Society
 American Veterinary Medical Association
 Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback
 Association for Clinical and Translational Science
 Association for Psychological Science
 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
 Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
 Association of American Cancer Institutes
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 Association of American Universities
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
 Association of Black Cardiologists
 Association of Independent Research Institutes
 Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
 Association of Population Centers
 Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
 Biophysical Society
 Canon U.S.A., Inc.
 Cedars-Sinai Health System
 Children's Hospital Los Angeles
 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
 Clinical Research Forum
 Coalition for Clinical & 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 on Governmental Relations
 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
 Deadliest Cancers Coalition

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University School of Medicine
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Emory University
Endocrine Society
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Florida State University
FujiFilm Medical Systems
GBS/CIDP Foundation International
GE Healthcare
Global Liver Institute
Hackensack Meridian Health
Harvard University
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Johns Hopkins University
Keck Medicine of USC
Konica Minolta Healthcare
Lupus Research Alliance
March of Dimes
Mayo Clinic
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
METAvivor Research and Support
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NephCure Kidney International
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Northeastern University
NYU Langone Health
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
Oregon Health and Science University
Pediatric Policy Council

Penn Medicine
 Philips
 Population Association of America
 Psychonomic Society
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association
 QalibreMD, Inc.
 Radiological Society of North America
 Research!America
 Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
 Saint Louis University
 Scleroderma Foundation
 Siemens Healthineers
 Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
 Sleep Research Society
 Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
 Society for Judgment and Decision Making
 Society for Neuroscience
 Society for Pediatric Research
 Society for Psychophysiological Research
 Society of Abdominal Radiology
 Society of Breast Imaging
 Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
 Society of Computed Body Tomography & Magnetic Resonance
 Society of General Internal Medicine
 Society of Interventional Radiology
 Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
 Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
 Society of Skeletal Radiology
 Society of Thoracic Radiology
 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
 Stanford University
 Stony Brook University
 The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
 The Marfan Foundation
 The Medical Image Perception Society
 The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
 The Society for Pediatric Radiology
 Toshiba Medical Systems Corporation
 Tulane University
 Turner Syndrome Foundation
 U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
 University of Delaware
 University of California San Diego
 University of California San Francisco (UCSF)
 University of California System
 University of Chicago Medical Center
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
 University of Illinois College of Medicine
 University of Illinois System

University of Iowa Health Care
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University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami Health System
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
University of Missouri School of Medicine
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UTHealth | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vanderbilt University
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Virginia Commonwealth University
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Washington University in St. Louis
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
Yale University

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