



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

November 15, 2021

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 past leadership in championing sustained, real growth in medical research funding. As Congress begins to draft a final fiscal year (FY) 2022 spending package, the 314 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urge you to invest robustly in agencies and programs to improve the nation's health and well-being, including base funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as a key national priority and to finalize the appropriations process as expeditiously as possible. 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-passed (H.R. 4502) and Senate draft Labor-HHS-Education spending bills include strong increases for the NIH base in FY 2022, which would provide greater hope and opportunity for every patient awaiting a cure, every researcher working toward the next breakthrough, and every aspiring scientist considering a career in the lab. **To maximize the potential of medical research to make rapid progress toward these goals, we urge you to provide at least \$46.4 billion for NIH's base, as included in the House-passed bill.** Continuing the momentum of the prior six 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 life-changing cures, pioneering treatments and diagnostics, and innovative preventive strategies.

Additionally, we appreciate that both bills ensure that the new investment for the proposed 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. As such, investment in ARPA-H must not come at the expense of the NIH base. Instead, to fully realize the benefits of the envisioned new entity while simultaneously allowing NIH to keep pace with discovery, an FY 2022 appropriation of at least \$46.4 billion for NIH's base budget is needed. Prioritizing strong investments for foundational research discoveries funded by the NIH will be critical to the success of the visionary new research initiative, particularly as it builds its

operational capacity in its inaugural year and beyond. Likewise, avoiding further delays in finalizing funding determinations will enable both ARPA-H and NIH's planned and existing programs to be maximally efficient and strategic in their work in FY 2022.

To that end, our organizations strongly support an approach to the final FY 2022 spending package that avoids additional CRs past December. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and add uncertainty to a system that is already under stress with the continued reverberations of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

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 \$46.4 billion for the agency's base in FY 2022, in addition to funding you provide for ARPA-H.

Sincerely,

### **314 Signatories as of November 15, 2021**

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy for Eating Disorders  
Academy for Professionalism in Health Care  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
ACT for NIH  
AdventHealth  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)  
Alliance for Aging Research  
ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)  
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, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
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 Psychiatry Residency Training  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM)  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Council on Education  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Headache Society  
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  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
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 Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)  
American Society for Virology  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
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 Surgical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association  
Anxiety and Depression Association of America  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairs (AACBNC)  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC)  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of Academic Psychiatrists

Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
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 (AMGDB)  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO)  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of University Professors of Neurology  
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology  
Association of University Radiologists  
Atrium Health  
Autism Speaks  
AVAC (AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition)  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
Bassett Healthcare Network  
Biophysical Society  
BJC HealthCare  
Boston Medical Center  
Boston University  
Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research  
Brown University  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine  
Case Western Reserve University  
CDH International  
Cedars-Sinai  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's Mercy Kansas City  
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation  
ChristianaCare  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
Columbia University  
COMBINEDBrain  
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 University Directors of Clinical Psychology  
Council on Social Work Education  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
CURE Epilepsy  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Drexel University  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Carolina University  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Emory University  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Global Liver Institute  
Harvard University  
HealthyWomen  
Henry Ford Health System  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope For Stomach Cancer  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Indiana University  
Indiana University Health  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Initiative to End Alzheimer's Disease Board of Visitors  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR)  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation  
Johns Hopkins University and Medicine  
Joslin Diabetes Center  
KidneyCAN  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Lewy Body Dementia Association  
LGS Foundation  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation

March of Dimes  
Mass General Brigham  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Image Perception Society  
Medical Library Association  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
MemorialCare Health System  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
METAvivor  
Michelson Center for Public Policy  
Michelson Medical Research Foundation  
Michigan State University  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Eczema Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Pancreas Foundation  
NephCure Kidney International  
New York Medical College  
New York University  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
Northeastern University  
Nutrition & Medical Foods Coalition  
NYU Langone Health  
Oakland University  
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Penn State University  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
Population Association of America  
Project Sleep  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)  
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association  
Research!America  
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science  
RTI International  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sjogren's Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM)  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Radiology  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility  
Society for Reproductive Investigation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
Society of Surgical Chairs  
Society of Toxicology (SOT)  
Society of University Surgeons  
St. Louis Children's Hospital  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University  
Syngap1 Foundation  
Temple University  
Texas A&M Health  
The American College of Rheumatology  
The American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Jackson Laboratory  
The Maya's Wings Foundation  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
The State University of New York  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
The University of North Carolina System  
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tulane University School of Medicine  
UC San Diego  
UCLA  
UNC Health and UNC School of Medicine  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
University of California, Irvine  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado System  
University of Connecticut  
University of Hawai'i System  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
University of Iowa  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School  
University of Michigan  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of Washington  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association (HAEA)  
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine  
UVA Health  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

cc:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader, 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