

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Democratic Leader Jeffries, Majority Leader Thune, Democratic Leader Schumer, Chair Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Collins, and Vice Chair Murray:

The 394 undersigned organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, academic and research institutions, educators, and industry that support funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), write to thank you for your leadership in support of medical research and to urge you to work together to finalize (FY) 2027 appropriations for NIH as expeditiously as possible.

We are grateful that Congress and the President approved a short-term continuing resolution to ensure uninterrupted government funding, and we urge Congress to continue its bipartisan collaboration to finalize FY 2027 appropriations quickly to avoid the delays and bottlenecks in funding that we have seen in previous fiscal years. We strongly encourage you to prioritize an approach that completes the appropriations process before the end of the calendar year.

Timely funding decisions are vital to the NIH's operations, the scientists and research institutions NIH supports, and the patients who depend on continued scientific progress. Delayed appropriations create uncertainty about funding levels and hinder NIH's ability to award grants in a timely and optimally strategic manner. Medical research operates on carefully coordinated timelines, and unpredictable funding can postpone the purchase of specialized equipment and supplies, delay the launch of clinical studies and fundamental discovery research, and create uncertainty for trainees, early-career investigators, and researchers. Research institutions often must make staffing and infrastructure decisions based on anticipated award dates, while patients awaiting enrollment in clinical trials may face delays in accessing promising new interventions. Even modest delays in awarding funding can slow the pace of scientific discovery and postpone the development of new diagnostics, treatments, and preventive strategies.

As you know, for various reasons, FYs 2025 and 2026 have been marked by significant uncertainty and disrupted NIH operations, shortening the timeframe available for the agency to issue awards and leading to delays in many routine activities. Accordingly, labs nationwide have faced challenges in carrying out promising, meritorious research projects. In addition to the effect that the instability is having on science and patients in real time, it also already is beginning to take a toll on the nation's future scientific workforce, with recent press clips and other reports highlighting dramatic declines in PhD applications and enrollment.

We are also appreciative that the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittees in both chambers have expressed concern over these disruptions and taken steps to attempt to address them. More recent developments – such as proposals allowing the current or future administrations to terminate grants for any reason or add new political reviews, unclear interagency agreements, and the full array of proposed revisions to the Uniform Guidance – all hold the potential to derail the pursuit for cures. We encourage Congress to secure additional legislative language providing safeguards against policies that could further impact appropriated funding and research. We urge that this language build on the enacted provisions in the final FY 2026 spending bill establishing parameters for NIH's use of forward funding of multiyear awards and preserving research infrastructure, and language in the current continuing resolution pausing the proposed revisions to the Uniform Guidance.

If the US wishes to continue to command an economic advantage over global competitors, we cannot afford to allow further erosion of the federal commitment to medical research that both parties have championed over decades. Our nation's

competitiveness starts, at minimum, with timely completion of spending bills that make a strong investment in the NIH.

For these reasons, we urge Congress to finalize a robust, bipartisan FY 2027 appropriation for NIH as expeditiously as possible and provide the research community with the certainty to sustain the momentum of scientific discovery, strengthen the nation's medical research enterprise, and continue delivering new hope to patients and families across the country. Every day that funding decisions and research are delayed is another day patients and families must wait for potentially life-saving breakthroughs.

Sincerely,

394 signatories as of Oct. 22, 2026

AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges)
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
Accessia Health
ACT for NIH
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM)
Alliance for Vision Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
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 for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women in Radiology
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 Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition
American Burn Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Chemical Society
American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
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 on Education
American Educational Research Association
American Epilepsy Society
American Federation for Aging Research
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Parkinson Disease Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Investigative Pathobiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Echocardiography

American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association (AUA)
Angelman Syndrome Foundation
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
ASM
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for Creatine Deficiencies
Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
Association for Psychological Science
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine (AACEM)
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of Academic Radiology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Department Chairs of Family Medicine
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
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
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autism Speaks
AVAC
Biophysical Society
Boston Children’s Hospital
Boston Medical Center Health System

Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF
Brown University Health
CACNA1A Foundation
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Celiac Disease Foundation
Center for Endometriosis Care
Child Neurology Foundation
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Clinical Immunology Society (CIS)
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Pediatric Medical Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition of PET Drug Manufacturers Inc.
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
COVID-19 Longhauler Advocacy Project
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
CSNK2A1 Foundation
CSNK2B Foundation
CTNNB1 Connect & Cure
CURE Epilepsy
Cure HHT
CureGRIN Foundation
CurePSP
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Danny Did Epilepsy Foundation
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
DEEP
Denver Health
Digestive Disease National Coalition

Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Dry Eye Foundation
Duke Health
Duke University
Dup15q Alliance
Dysautonomia International
Emory
Endocrine Society
Endometriosis Association
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Advocacy Network
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Esophageal Cancer Action Network (ECAN)
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST)
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Friends of NICHD
Friends of NIDA
Gaucher Community Alliance
Genetic Alliance
Global Health Technologies Coalition
GLUT1 Deficiency Foundation
Good Days
Harvard University
Head for the Cure Foundation
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
HIV Medicine Association
Hope for HIE
Hope For Hypothalamic Hamartomas
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Indiana University
International Bipolar Foundation
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
IU Health, Inc.
Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo
Johns Hopkins University & Health System
Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
Kaiser Permanente

Kids for Saving Earth
Lasker Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Let's Talk UTI, Inc
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
M-CM Network
March of Dimes
Mass General Brigham
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation
MED13 Foundation
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Men's Health Network
METAvivor
Mission MSA
MitoAction
Mount Sinai Health System
Muscular Dystrophy Association
NAPCRG
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association For Continence
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Scleroderma Foundation
National Society of Genetic Counselors
NDRI
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society
Neurofibromas Network
Neurofibromatosis Midwest
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NF Northeast
NORSE Institute
North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS)
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research

Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
OPHN1Foundation
Oregon Health & Science University
OUCH-Int'l (Oncology Advocates United for Climate and Change - International)
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association
Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Alliance
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State Health/Penn State College of Medicine
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
Population Association of America
PPP3CA Hope Foundation
PREEMIEWORLD FOUNDATION INC.
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy
Radiological Society of North America
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association (RPLA)
ReNU2 Foundation
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Right 2 Breathe
ring 20 USA
Ring14 USA INC
Safe Kids Worldwide
Sjögren’s Foundation, Inc.
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM)
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
Society for Vascular Surgery

Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Radiopharmaceutical Sciences
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Society of Toxicology
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Stanford University
Stoelting Co.
Stony Brook Medicine and Stony Brook University
STXBP1 Foundation
Teaching Kitchen Collaborative
TED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
The Coalition Against Pediatric Pain, Inc.
The Coalition for Hemophilia B
The CP Research Network
The Cute Syndrome Foundation
The Ehlers-Danlos Society
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The National Pancreas Foundation
The Obesity Society
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The Ree Wynn Foundation
The Sturge-Weber Foundation
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
Tourette Association of America
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tufts University
UCLA
UMass Chan Medical School
University of California System
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Cruz

University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Colorado Anschutz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Georgia
University of Maryland Medical System
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Miller School of Meeicine
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
University of Rochester
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Utah Health
University of Washington
US Hereditary Angioedema Association (HAEA)
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Usher 1F Collaborative
Usher Syndrome Coalition
Usher Syndrome Society
Vanderbilt Health
Vanderbilt University
Vasculitis Foundation
VentureWell
VHL Alliance
Voices Against Brain Cancer
wAIHA Warriors
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University
Your Prostate Cancer.help
YWHAG Research Foundation
ZERO Prostate Cancer
ZTTK SON-Shine Foundation

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