



March 12, 2026

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

The Honorable Tom Cole
 Chairman
 House Committee on Appropriations
 Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
 Ranking Member
 Committee on Appropriations
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Collins, Chairman Cole, Vice Chair Murray, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your bipartisan support for medical research in the FY2026 appropriations bill, including the adoption of the Senate’s restrictions on advance funding of multi-year research grants by the NIH, allowing more opportunities for breakthroughs and cures. As Congress turns to FY2027, we want to partner with you again to build on that momentum and continue to provide funding for the next generation of life-saving research.

We, the undersigned 53 organizations, represent millions of Americans living with chronic and acute diseases – patients, caregivers, and families whose lives depend on improved treatments and the discovery

of cures. We write to strongly urge you and your colleagues to continue to champion medical research and fund the National Institutes of Health (NIH) at least \$51 billion for fiscal year (FY) 2027.

Nearly every American family is touched by serious, complex and chronic illnesses that are directly impacted and can benefit from continued investment in medical research and treatments such as cancer, heart disease, COPD, hypertension, autoimmune diseases, diabetes, arthritis, rare genetic disorders, muscular dystrophy, blood disorders, asthma, stroke, autism, inflammatory bowel disease, ALS, cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, Lewy body dementia, multiple sclerosis, HIV, and Parkinson's.

The American people agree that this progress must be protected and prioritized. 92% of Americans across the political spectrum support basic scientific research (1), and 62% believe the federal government spends too little on medical research (2). During the FY2026 appropriations process, you delivered on a promise to millions of patients and families to continue to fund federal medical research that delivers treatments, cures, and innovation. You know that patients don't have time to wait for cures and better treatment.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for prioritizing the health of our country. We look forward to working closely with you and supporting your efforts to ensure that NIH continues to have robust funding for FY2027.

Sincerely,

AiArthritis	Blood Cancer United (Formerly The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society)
The AIDS Institute	Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF
Alliance for Aging Research	Cancer Nation
ALS Association	Cancer Support Community
ALS Network	Chronic Disease Coalition
ALS United	The Coalition for Hemophilia B
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	COPD Foundation
American Diabetes Association	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
American Heart Association	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
American Lung Association	Diabetes Leadership Council
Arthritis Foundation	Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration	Digestive Disease National Coalition
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America	Epilepsy Foundation of America
Autism Science Foundation	EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
Autoimmune Association	Friends of Cancer Research

¹ https://www.researchamerica.org/sd_question/do-you-agree-or-disagree-with-the-following-statement-even-if-it-brings-no-immediate-benefits-basic-scientific-research-that-advances-the-frontiers-of-knowledge-is-necessary-and-should-be-supported/?returl=/sd_survey/2026-january-national-survey/?sm_guid=OTM3NDc5fDI2MzExODI2fC0xfHJwYXVsc2VuQHVzYWdhaW5zdGFsemhlaW1lcnMub3JnfDg0OTk5MjB8fDB8MHwzMDA5MDkxNzd8OTUzfDB8MHx8OTM0OTgwfDA1

² <https://unitedforcures.org/national-poll-release>

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
I AM ALS
Immune Deficiency Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's
Disease)
Lewy Body Dementia Association
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphoma Research Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's
Research
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
National Health Council

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Parkinson's Foundation
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Susan G. Komen
Triage Cancer
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
ZERO Prostate Cancer