



**THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH**

October 24, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

As Congress works to complete the FY 2020 spending bills, the more than 300 undersigned organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, educators, academic and research institutions, and industry write to thank you for your longstanding leadership in support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and to encourage quick enactment of a Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that provides robust, sustained funding for medical research.

We are grateful that both the House-passed spending package and the draft bill released by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Sept. 18 would continue the momentum of recent years by providing NIH with a meaningful funding increase over the previous year. In particular, the \$42.1 billion proposed in the Senate bill would offer even greater opportunity to expand NIH's capacity to fund more promising research, provide support for the next generation of researchers, and allow the agency to address other critical needs.

Despite this strong bipartisan support for medical research, we are concerned that NIH is currently operating under a continuing resolution (CR), rather than under its final, full-year funding level. Aside from the budget implications, CRs create inefficiencies and uncertainty for both the agency and scientists across the country. Any further delay in finalizing FY 2020 funding levels – or, worse, reverting to a long-term stopgap that freezes funding at the levels in FY 2019 – would slow our progress toward cures and ultimately impede our ability to address major public health challenges.

To enable passage of a bipartisan spending package that maximizes investment in NIH, we strongly urge you to provide a meaningful increase in the allocation for Labor-HHS-Education appropriations and complete the spending bill as soon as possible. In passing the Bipartisan

Budget Act of 2019, Members of Congress recognized that our nation's defense and nondefense discretionary priorities could not be fully realized under the original Budget Control Act statutory caps. In light of the budget agreement that increased the non-defense discretionary caps by nearly \$25 billion over FY 2019, we believe that supporting NIH research as part of a thriving public health continuum should continue to be a top national priority. The allocation for the final FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill should reflect that commitment.

Our nation's investment in medical research has resulted in better health and hope for patients everywhere. We look forward to working with you to continue this important legacy with quick enactment of a robust investment for NIH in FY 2020.

Sincerely,

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
AcademyHealth  
ACT for NIH Foundation  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental 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 Psychiatric Residency Training  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Women in Radiology

American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacology®  
American College of Nuclear Medicine  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Educational Research Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association (AHA)  
American Institute for Cancer Research  
American Institute for Medical & Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
American Massage Therapy Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychological Association  
American Roentgen Ray Society  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Cell 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 Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Emergency Radiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Surgical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association

American Veterinary Medical Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
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 American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
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 (AMSPDC)  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of University Professors of Neurology  
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology  
Association of University Radiologists  
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Biomedical Engineering Society  
Biophysical Society  
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Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
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Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
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Columbia University  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals

Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
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Council of Graduate Schools  
Council on Social Work Education  
Creighton University School of Medicine  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
Cure Alzheimer's Fund  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Detroit Medical Center  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Drexel University  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Dysautonomia International  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Carolina University  
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Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
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Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
Michigan State University  
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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 (NASADAD)  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
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North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
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Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
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Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
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Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Radiology  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society of Abdominal Radiology  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine  
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 Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
Society of Thoracic Radiology  
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The Gerontological Society of America  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Myositis Association  
The State University of New York  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
The University of Texas System  
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Treatment Communities of America  
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University of Hawai'i System  
University of Illinois College of Medicine  
University of Iowa Health Care  
University of Kansas  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina System  
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University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Texas  
University of Utah  
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cc:

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The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader

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The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
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