



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Member of Congress:

The undersigned patient groups, scientific and medical societies, research institutions, and industry organizations, which include members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research and others interested in the nation's medical research enterprise, respectfully request that you consider the importance of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to improving health, saving lives, and maintaining our leadership in the global innovation economy as you begin the process of resolving the fiscal year (FY) 2011 appropriations bills.

As the primary agency of the United States government responsible for medical and health-related research, NIH has received longstanding, bipartisan support from Congress. This support stems from the fact that NIH performs a critical and fundamental federal role: to provide a biological foundation for improving human health, from preventive medicine to medical innovations and drug development by the private sector. In fact, NIH's support of basic science is vital for the long-term stability of our nation's pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Scientific research is leading to remarkable advancements, creating dramatic new research opportunities in areas ranging from genetics to behavioral research, and delivering new medical breakthroughs that will help detect disease earlier, emphasize prevention over treatment, and improve the nation's health overall. Long-term flat funding, or worse – a reduction in funds for NIH – will slow research progress and squander invaluable scientific progress to the detriment of our nation's health, our fragile economy, and our global competitiveness.

Research is also essential to long-term economic vitality. Ours is an economy driven by ideas, and it is the scientific ideas of today that lead to the lifesaving discoveries and medical therapies of tomorrow. In 2007 alone, NIH grants and contracts created and supported more than 350,000 jobs across the country.

The important role Congress plays in funding research cannot be understated. Strong funding support for NIH is indispensable to creating a rich environment for innovation. This scientific innovation is not only saving and improving countless lives, but it is strengthening our scientific workforce and keeping young investigators in the field. Consequently, it reinvigorates our competitiveness in the global market, and contributes immeasurably to a more robust domestic economy spurred by biomedical investment.

It is no fluke that the U.S. is a world leader in biomedical research and the development of lifesaving treatments. Our preeminence is the result of the steadfast support that NIH receives from the American public and Congress.

Therefore, we look forward to working with you throughout the 112th Congress to more clearly illustrate how supporting NIH translates into improved health for the American people, and thus, we urge you to continue our nation's important investment in NIH by including an increase of \$750 million in FY 2011.

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy of Radiology Research
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation
AIDS Action Baltimore
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
The AIDS Institute
AIDS Treatment Activist Coalition
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alström Syndrome International
Alzheimer's Association
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for Laboratory Animal Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Anatomists
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
The American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons
The American Association for Thoracic Surgery
American Brain Coalition
American College of Cardiology
American College of Radiology (ACR)
American Diabetes Association
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Headache Society
American Heart Association

American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
The American Psychological Association
American Psychosomatic Society
American Social Health Association
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
The American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neurorehabilitation
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
The American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB)
The American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Tinnitus Association
American Urogynecologic Society
amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research
Angioma Alliance
Anxiety Disorders Association of America
APLU – Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Arthritis Foundation
Association for Clinical Research Training
The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD)
Association for Patient Oriented Research
Association for Psychological Science
The Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders, Inc. (AGMD)
Association of Independent Research Institutes

Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC)
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD)
Association of University Radiologists
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Boston
Biophysical Society
BJC HealthCare
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Brown University
Case Western Reserve University
Case Western Reserve University MetroHealth
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Charles Drew University
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
City of Hope
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Social and Behavioral Sciences Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue
Coalition to Promote Research
Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science
Columbia University Medical Center
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
COPD Foundation
Cornell University
Council of Pediatric Subspecialties
Council on Social Work Education
Creighton University
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University School of Medicine
Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc.
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of America
Emory University
The Endocrine Society
FasterCures
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America
Fletcher Allen Health Care
Florida Atlantic University
FOD Family Support Group
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (FIAR)
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Genetic Alliance
Genetics Society of America
Gerontological Society of America
Healthcare Association of New York State
Heart Rhythm Society
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hereditary Disease Foundation
HHT Foundation International
HIV Medicine Association
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance
Howard University Health Sciences
The Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA)
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Indiana University School of Medicine
Infectious Diseases Society of America
In Need Of Diagnosis, Inc. (INOD)
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
International WAGR Syndrome Association
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Intracranial Hypertension Research Foundation
Iron Disorders Institute
Jacob's Cure
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
The Johns Hopkins University
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kidney Cancer Association
Lighthouse International
Life Technologies
Lions Clubs International
LSU Health Sciences Center- New Orleans
The Lupus Research Institute
Lymphangiomas & Gorham's Disease Alliance
March of Dimes Foundation
Maryland Hepatitis Coalition
Massachusetts General Hospital
Mayo Clinic
McLean Hospital

Medical College of Wisconsin
Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)
Meharry Medical College
Meridian Health
The MetroHealth System
Morehouse School of Medicine
The Mount Sinai School of Medicine
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Coalition for LGBT Health
The National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD)
National Marfan Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Primate Research Centers
The National Psoriasis Foundation
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association
NephCure Foundation
Neurofibromatosis MIDWEST
New Mexico State University
New York Medical College
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
New York Stem Cell Foundation
Northeastern University
NYU Langone Medical Center
Oregon Health & Science University
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
The Paget Foundation for Paget's Disease of Bone and Related Disorders
Parkinson's Action Network
Partners HealthCare
Penn Medicine
Penn State College of Medicine
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
The Population Council
Project DOCC - Delivery of Chronic Care
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International
RASopathies Network USA
Research!America
Research Society on Alcoholism
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Society for Clinical and Translational Science
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
Society for Investigative Dermatology
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
The Society for Social Work and Research
Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists
Society of Hospital Medicine
Stanford University
Stony Brook University Medical Center
Treatment Action Group (TAG)
Tremor Action Network
Tulane University
Turner Syndrome Society of the United States
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
University of California System
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Denver
University of Houston
University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine
The University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine
University of Michigan Medical School
University of Mississippi Medical Center
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester Medical Center
University of Southern California
University of South Florida (USF Health)
University of Texas System
University of Utah Health Sciences
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
UTHealth | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vanderbilt University
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center
Washington University in St. Louis

WE ACT for Environmental Justice (WE ACT)
William Syndrome Association
WishBONE, Inc
The XLH Network
Zephyr L.T.N.P. Foundation, Inc.