



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

The undersigned patient groups, scientific and medical societies, research institutions and industry organizations, which are members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, thank you for your longstanding leadership on behalf of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The investments you have made in medical research through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) and the annual appropriations process are creating new scientific opportunities, supporting high-technology, high-wage jobs in all 50 states and significantly accelerating the pace of progress in the fight against many of our most serious diseases.

Continuation of this support is critical to improving the health of our nation and maintaining our leadership in the global innovation economy. These recent investments have created dramatic new research opportunities in areas ranging from behavioral research to genetics, spurring innovation and advancing the promise of personalized medicine that will yield long-term economic benefits. We thank President Obama for his continued commitment to science and innovation at a time when the nation's fiscal situation compels difficult decisions and for increasing the NIH budget in his budget proposal by \$1 billion. The Ad Hoc Group urges Congress to build on this promising start and strongly supports \$35 billion for the NIH for FY 2011.

Past investments are now driving the delivery of new research advances, training the next generation of investigators, creating jobs, and promoting industry growth. Scientists are using these funds to:

- Explore strategies not even possible ten years ago, before advances in genomics, proteomics, and regenerative medicine opened new avenues for research;
- Build on insights of previous discoveries to more quickly deliver new treatments for patients; and
- Improve the quality of health care by developing more sophisticated diagnostic tools and interventions.

The undersigned organizations are deeply grateful for this extraordinary opportunity. By supporting \$35 billion for biomedical research and the NIH, you can help ensure the nation does not lose the health and economic benefits of this extraordinary investment and take the next crucial step by beginning a course of sustained NIH funding in the FY 2011 budget and beyond. We thank you once again for your support for the life-saving research funded by the NIH, and ask for your continued leadership. We look forward to working with you to continue to improve the health of the American people through medical research.

Sincerely,

Academy of Radiology Research
 Administrators of Internal Medicine
 AIDS Institute
 AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition
 Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
 Alliance for Aging Research
 Alzheimer's Association
 Americans for Medical Progress
 American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
 American Academy of Neurology
 American Academy of Pediatrics
 American Association for Cancer Research
 American Association for Dental Research
 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing
 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)
 American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
 American Society of Neurorehabilitation
 American Brain Coalition
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
 American College of Cardiology
 American College of Radiology
 American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologist
 American Diabetes Association
 American Epilepsy Society
 American Gastroenterological Association
 American Heart Association
 American Liver Foundation

American Lung Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Pain Foundation
American Pediatric Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
American Society of Transplantation
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Tinnitus Association
America's Blood Centers
amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research
Arthritis Foundation
Anxiety Disorders Association of America
Association for Clinical Research Training
Association for Frontotemporal Dementias
Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders, Inc
Association for Patient-Oriented Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Geographers
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Professors of Medicine
Association of Schools of Public Health
Association of Specialty Professors
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention
Biophysical Society
CADASIL Together We Move
Charles Drew University
Child Neurology Society
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Health Services Research
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research

Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition to Protect Research (CPR)
Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
DebRA of America, Inc.
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS)
Heart Rhythm Society
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Intracranial Hypertension Research Foundation
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
Lupus Research Institute
March of Dimes Foundation
Medical Library Association
Meharry Medical College
Morehouse School of Medicine
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research Colleagues
National Health Council
National Marfan Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Osteoporosis Foundation
NephCure Foundation
New York Stem Cell Foundation
NHLBI Constituency Group Colleagues
Parkinson's Action Network
Penn Medicine
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
Pulmonary Hypertension Association

Research! America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rett Syndrome Research Trust
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Society for Clinical and Translational Science
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Social Work and Research
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists
Treatment Action Group
Tremor Action Network