



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Member of Congress:

As the 119th Congress begins, the **[INSERT ### OF SIGNATORIES]** undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research wish to welcome you. We invite you and your staff to consider this coalition as a valuable resource regarding our nation's premier medical research agency the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and its impact on improving the health of patients across the nation. The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, founded in 1982, is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by NIH.

Nearly every medication, diagnostic, and other intervention in practice today has its origins in NIH-funded research. Today, NIH investment takes place in every state and in nearly every [congressional district](#). NIH seeks to drive medical breakthroughs that will benefit patients nationwide, advance potential treatments and preventive strategies for cancer and Alzheimer's, improve maternal health, and develop countermeasures for persistent or emerging health threats. In 2024 alone, NIH research supported the development of a blood test that identified Alzheimer's disease correctly in older adults with nearly 90 percent accuracy. Such tests assist in speedier diagnoses and improve access to earlier treatments - saving lives. NIH-supported researchers developed a brain-computer interface that allowed a man to communicate after his ability to speak was impaired by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). NIH-supported research also developed 3D maps of cancer which have provided critical information on how tumors develop, spread, and respond to treatments.

In addition to improving patients' health, a robust, reliable investment in scientific discovery is crucial to strengthening the economy in the near- and long-term and maintaining our nation's global dominance in medical discoveries. Through NIH, the federal government plays an irreplaceable role in supporting biomedical research that is inherently inefficient for industry to conduct but is essential to inform our fundamental understanding of medicine. More than 80 percent of the NIH's budget supports research in all 50 states and D.C., as well as U.S. territories, at medical schools, teaching hospitals, universities, and research institutes, which often are among the largest employers in their respective communities. In fiscal year (FY) 2023, federal support of medical research [directly and indirectly supported](#) over 400,000 jobs and produced nearly \$93 billion in new economic activity nationwide – or \$2.46 of economic activity for every \$1 of research funding. Moreover, as the world's premier public funder of medical research, the NIH plays an important role in our nation's international leadership, drawing top-tier talent from across the world to benefit the health and wellbeing of American communities and patients.

Even with the longstanding bipartisan support for the groundbreaking research supported by NIH, the agency is only able to fund approximately 1 in every 5 promising proposals, leaving potentially lifesaving science on the table, a challenge that is compounded when funding does not keep pace with inflation. In November 2024, over 400 organizations across the NIH stakeholder community recommended at least the Senate Appropriations Committee approved-level of \$48.9 billion for NIH in FY 2025. This investment would help expand the potential for new cures and other interventions for patients and their families, fully capitalize on scientific opportunity, and ensure that NIH remains the global leader in medical research. Underinvestment in research supporting cures and treatments for patients not only harms the health of Americans, but also weakens our international leadership and status as a premier destination for global research talent.

Our community is grateful for the longstanding bipartisan and bicameral commitment to ensure that investment in NIH remains a national priority. We look forward to working together in the 119th Congress and thank you again for your leadership and prioritization of the work that brings hope to patients and their families.

Sincerely,

[105 OF SIGNATORIES AS OF January 27, 2025]

ACT for NIH
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American Council on Education
American Massage Therapy Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
Association for Academic Pathology
Association for Psychological Science
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Population Centers
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Biophysical Society
CACNA1A Foundation

Center for Endometriosis Care
Cleveland Clinic
Coalition of Skin Diseases
CSNK2A1 Foundation
Emory
Endocrine Society
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Global Liver Institute
Good Days
Harvard University
Head for the Cure Foundation
Henry Ford Health
Hereditary Angioedema Association
Hope for HIE
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Joey's Wings Foundation
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Keck Medicine of USC
Keck School of Medicine
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lasker Foundation
Let's Talk UTI, Inc.
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
Marymount University
Medical Image Perception Society
MemorialCare Health System
Michigan State University
Mission MSA
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Fragile X Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Scleroderma Foundation
NYU Langone Health
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
PINK Concussions
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association

Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Safe Kids Worldwide
Society for Neuroscience
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)
Society of General Internal Medicine
Susan G. Komen
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
The Judy Nicholson Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The STARR Coalition
Triage Cancer
Univeristy of Utah Health
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Rochester
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc.
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West Virginia University