

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Member of Congress:

As the 119th Congress begins, over 300 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,

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Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research

AcademyHealth

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ACT for NIH

Akari Foundation

AliveandKick'n: Living with Lynch Syndrome

Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies (ASPIRE)

Alpha-1 Foundation

ALS Association

Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Impact Movement

American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Nursing

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association for Cancer Research

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association for the Advancement of Science

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

American Association for Women in Radiology

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Physicists in Medicine

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

American Brain Coalition

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

American College of Radiology

American College of Rheumatology

American College of Surgeons

American Council on Education

American Federation for Aging Research
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Neurological Association
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Sexual Health Association
American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
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
American Urological Association (AUA)
Americans for Medical Progress
Angelman Syndrome Foundation
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Academic Pathology
Association for Psychological Science
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, Associate Vice President for Research Policy and Gov Affairs
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Autism Speaks
Barth Syndrome Foundation
Baylor College of Medicine
BDSRA Foundation
Biophysical Society
Boston Medical Center Health System

Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
CACNA1A Foundation
Cancer and Careers
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Celiac Disease Foundation
Center for Endometriosis Care
Center for Optimal Aging, Marymount University
Children's Hospital Association
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation
Chris "CJ" Johnson Foundation Inc.
ChristianaCare
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Cleveland Clinic
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
Columbia University
Community Oncology Alliance (COA)
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Cornell University
Council on Social Work Education
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project
Cribs for Kids, Inc.
CSNK2A1 Foundation
CUNY School of Medicine
CURE Epilepsy
Cure HHT
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Duke Health
Duke University
Dysautonomia International
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
ECU Health & ECU Brody School of Medicine
Emory
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Family Caregiver Alliance
Family Voices of California
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)

Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Focused Ultrasound Foundation
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics
Foundation for Biomedical Research
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of the National Institute on Aging
Gaucher Community Alliance
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Genetic Alliance
Global Liver Institute
Good Days
Harvard University
Head for the Cure Foundation
HealthyWomen
Henry Ford Health
Hereditary Angioedema Association
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
HIV Medicine Association
Hope for HIE
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Rett Syndrome Foundation
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)
International WAGR Syndrome Association
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Joey's Wings Foundation
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Keck Medicine of USC
Kidney Cancer Association
kids with heart natl assn for children's heart disorders, inc
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lasker Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Let's Talk UTI, Inc.
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Lifespan Research Institute
Look. Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
M-CM Network
March of Dimes
Marymount University
Mass General Brigham
Massachusetts Society for Medical Research
MEAction

Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Memorial Sloan Kettering
MemorialCare Health System
Men's Health Network
Michigan State University
Mission MSA
MitoAction
MLD Foundation
Morehouse School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Health System
Mucopolidosis Type IV Foundation
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance for PANS/PANDAS Action
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association For Continence
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Health Council
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Scleroderma Foundation
National Society of Genetic Counselors
Neuroimmune Foundation
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
New York Genome Center
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NORSE Institute
North American Vascular Biology Organization
North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Old Dominion University
Oregon Health & Science University
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
Penn State Health
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PINK Concussions
PKD Foundation
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep

Propionic Acidemia Foundation
Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF)
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Safe Kids Worldwide
Sjögren's Foundation, Inc.
Sleep Research Society
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of PAs in Genetics & Genomics
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Susan G. Komen
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Texas Society for Biomedical Research
The Alex Manfull Fund
The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives
The Coalition Against Pediatric Pain
The Consortium of Social Science Associations
The George Washington University
The Judy Nicholson Foundation
The Life Raft Group
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The National Pancreas Foundation
The STARR Coalition
The Sturge-Weber Foundation
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tulane University
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
UCLA
UMass Chan Medical School
Univeristy of Utah Health
University at Buffalo
University of California, Irvine
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Houston System
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
University of Nevada, Las Vegas-Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Rochester
University of Washington
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Usher 1F Collaborative
Usher Syndrome Coalition
UVA Health
v-ATPase Alliance
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
VentureWell
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc.
VHL Alliance
Virginia Commonwealth University
wAIHA Warriors
Washington State University
Washington University
West Virginia University
Wiskott-Aldrich Foundation
Yale University
YWHAG Research Foundation