



February 11, 2016

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen Cochran, Rogers, Cole and Blunt, and Ranking Members Mikulski, Lowey, DeLauro and Murray:

The undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, representing patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, and industry, thank you for your visionary leadership in crafting the FY 2016 omnibus spending package (P.L. 114-113) and including the critical investment of \$32 billion for medical research conducted and supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

We appreciate that you worked in a bipartisan manner to pass a spending package that recognizes the importance of innovative medical research to the nation's health. As you know, NIH-funded research is the beginning of hope for millions of Americans and their families who are affected by illnesses such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, and cancer. The \$2 billion

increase in federal support for NIH is an investment necessary to pursue our nation's commitment to the development of life-changing cures, pioneering treatments, and innovative prevention strategies.

We know that Congress faced difficult decisions regarding many worthy priorities, and we are heartened by the confidence this budget increase expresses in the NIH and the institutions and scientists it supports.

Again, we commend you for your leadership in passing this crucial spending package. We look forward to working with you to continue sustained predictable increases in federal support for medical research through the NIH to improve our nation's health, sustain our leadership in medical research, and remain competitive in today's global information and innovation-based economy.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association
AcademyHealth
Academy of Radiology Research
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Action to Cure Kidney Cancer
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention (APCaP)
The ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
The American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Chemical Society
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
The American College of Radiology (ACR)
The American College of Rheumatology
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Diabetes Association
Americans for Medical Progress
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Neurological Association
American Pediatric Society
American Psychological Association
American Physiological Society
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
The American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Hematology (ASH)
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Sociological Association
American Thoracic Society
American Veterinary Medical Association
Arizona State University
ASPET
Association for Clinical and Translational
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Otolaryngology
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Augusta University
AVAC
Baylor College of Medicine
Benign Essential Blepharospasm Research Foundation
Biophysical Society
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association
Boston University School of Medicine
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Case Western Reserve University
Cedars-Sinai Health System
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute
The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Clemson University

Cleveland State University
The Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition to Promote Research
The College of William & Mary
Columbia University
The Commonwealth Medical College
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Cure Alliance for Mental Illness
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University
Duke University Health System
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
East Carolina University
Eastern Virginia Medical School
Emory University
Epilepsy Foundation
FasterCures, a center of the Milken Institute
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida International University
Florida State University
Friends of NIDA
Friends of NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Genetics Society of America
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State
Harvard University
Heart Failure Society of America
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hepatitis Foundation International
HIV Medicine Association
Huntington's Disease Society of America, Inc.
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Intercultural Cancer Coalition Caucus'
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders

Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa State University
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Johns Hopkins University
Kansas State University
The LIVESTRONG Foundation
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lupus Foundation of America
March of Dimes
The Marfan Foundational
Massachusetts General Hospital
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Men's Health Network
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
Michigan State University
Montefiore Health System
Montefiore-Einstein College of Medicine
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 Ataxia Foundation
National Brain Tumor Society
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
National Patient Advocate Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
New Mexico State University (NMSU)
New York Stem Cell Foundation
New York University School of Medicine
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
NYU Langone Medical Center
The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB)
Ohio University
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Oncology Nursing Society
One Voice Against Cancer
Oregon Health & Science University
Oregon State University
Parkinson's Action Network
Partners Health Care
Pediatric Policy Council

Penn Medicine
Penn State College of Medicine
Penn State University
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)
Population Association of America
Portland State University
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Rutgers University Biomedical and Health Sciences
Saint Louis University
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Scleroderma Foundation
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
Sleep Research Society
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
The Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR®)
The Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of General Internal Medicine
Stanford University School of Medicine
Stony Brook University
The Sturge-Weber Foundation
SUNY Upstate Medical University
TargetCancer Foundation
Temple University
Temple University Health System
Tennessee State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University System
Trinity Health-New England
Tulane University
Tufts Medical Center and Floating Hospital for Children
UC Berkeley
UNC School of Medicine
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
United for Medical Research
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California Irvine Health
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Idaho
The University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Illinois System
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Kentucky
University of Kentucky College of Medicine
University of Maine
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst)
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University Medical Center New Orleans
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri System
University of Montana
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of South Florida Health
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMBHealth) in Galveston, Texas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Texas System
The University of Toledo
University of Utah Health Sciences
The University of Vermont
University of Vermont College of Medicine
University of Virginia

University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Tech
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
Weill Cornell Medicine
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University