



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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January xx, 2025

Dear Member of Congress:

As the 119<sup>th</sup> 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 119<sup>th</sup> Congress and thank you again for your leadership and prioritization of the work that brings hope to patients and their families.

Sincerely,

**[236 SIGNATORIES AS OF January 31, 2025]**

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Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research

Accessia Health

ACT for NIH

Akari Foundation

AliveandKick'n: Living with Lynch Syndrome

Alliance for Aging Research

Alpha-1 Foundation

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 Study of Liver Diseases

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

American College of Rheumatology

American College of Surgeons

American Council on Education

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 Nutrition  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
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  
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 Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Barth Syndrome Foundation  
Baylor College of Medicine  
BDSRA Foundation  
Biophysical Society  
Boston Medical Center Health System  
Breakthrough T1D (formerly JD RF)  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
CACNA1A Foundation  
Cancer and Careers  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Center for Endometriosis Care  
Center for Optimal Aging, Marymount University  
Chris "CJ" Johnson Foundation Inc.  
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)  
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International  
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project  
Cribs for Kids, Inc.  
CSNK2A1 Foundation

Cure HHT  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Dysautonomia International  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Emory  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Family Voices of California  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
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 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  
Let's Talk UTI, Inc.  
Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University  
Look. Foundation  
Lupus Foundation of America

Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Marymount University  
Mass General Brigham  
Massachusetts Society for Medical Research  
MEAction  
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 on Mental Illness  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association For Continence  
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)  
National Eczema Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
National Society of Genetic Counselors  
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research  
New York Genome Center  
New York State Academic Dental Centers  
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  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Patient-Led Research Collaborative  
Penn State Health  
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
PINK Concussions  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Project Sleep  
Propionic Acidemia Foundation  
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 Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (SAAAPM)  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
Society of PAs in Genetics & Genomics  
Susan G. Komen  
Texas Biomedical Research Institute  
Texas Society for Biomedical Research  
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  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
UCLA  
University of Utah Health  
University of California, Irvine  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Cincinnati  
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  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
Usher 1F Collaborative  
Usher Syndrome Coalition  
v-ATPase Alliance  
Vanderbilt University  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
VentureWell  
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc.  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
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Washington State University  
West Virginia University