



February 11, 2016

Dear Member of Congress:

The undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, representing patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, and industry, thank you for your vote in support of 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 Congress 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 support 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