



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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The Honorable Dennis Rehberg  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rehberg and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The 214 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry, write to respectfully request that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) be recognized as a critical national priority in the FY 2012 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. These are difficult times for our nation, and sustaining the commitment to science is the key to a better future.

The foundation of scientific knowledge built through NIH-funded research across the country drives medical innovation that improves health and quality of life through new and better diagnostics, improved prevention strategies, and more effective treatments. These discoveries have contributed to increased and improved life expectancy over the past century, offering hope to the millions of patients awaiting the possibility of a healthier tomorrow.

Further, NIH-supported research contributes to the nation's economic strength by catalyzing private sector growth and creating skilled, high-paying jobs; new products and industries; and improved technologies. It is critically important that the nation continue to capitalize on previous investments to drive research progress, train the next generation of scientists, create new jobs, promote economic growth, and maintain leadership in the global innovation economy—particularly as other countries continue to increase their investments in scientific research.

In this challenging budget environment, we recognize the painful decisions that must be made to secure the nation's fiscal stability. However, it is imperative that such efforts recognize the federal role in promoting the prosperity and well-being of the American people. Especially in times like these, continuing the nation's commitment to medical research through NIH is essential to ensuring the health of all Americans and to maintaining U.S. leadership in an increasingly competitive global scientific arena. The Ad Hoc Group strongly recommends that

the FY 2012 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill uphold the longstanding legacy of bipartisan support for the health and economic benefits afforded by an unwavering commitment to NIH.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy of Radiology Research  
AIDS Action Baltimore  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families  
The AIDS Institute  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Radiology (ACR)  
American College of Rheumatology  
The American Dental Education Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Psychosomatic Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Microbiology

American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Tinnitus Association  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Associated Medical Schools of New York (AMSNY)  
Association for Clinical Research Training  
Association for Patient-Oriented Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Geographers  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston  
Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)  
Biophysical Society  
Brown University  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Charles Drew University  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute  
Clinical Research Forum  
City of Hope  
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research

Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (CAHT-BSSR)  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Coalition of Urban Serving Universities  
Coalition to Promote Research (CPR)  
Columbia University  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine  
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)  
COPD Foundation  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
The Cooper Medical School of Rowan University  
Cornell University  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Emory University  
The Endocrine Society  
FasterCures  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS)  
Federation of Pediatric Organizations  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Georgia Health Sciences University  
Health Sciences South Carolina  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Howard University Health Sciences  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Intracranial Hypertension Research Foundation  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Life Technologies  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lupus Research Institute  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Mayo Clinic

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Library Association  
MedStar Health  
Meharry Medical College  
Melanoma Research Alliance  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
MetroHealth System  
Michigan State University  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
The Mount Sinai School of Medicine  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME)  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Lung Cancer Partnership  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
National Primate Research Centers  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
Nationwide Children's Hospital  
NephCure Foundation  
The New York Stem Cell Foundation  
Northeastern University  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
Paget and Bone Cancer Foundations  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Parkinson's Action Network  
PKD Foundation  
Penn Medicine  
Population Association of America  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Saint Louis University  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society for Clinical and Translational Science  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)  
Society for Investigative Dermatology  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience

Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Stony Brook University Medical Center  
Treatment Action Group (TAG)  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
The University at Buffalo  
University of Arizona  
University of California System  
The University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus  
University of Connecticut Health Center  
University of Illinois  
University of Central Florida  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Michigan, Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
University of South Florida/USF Health  
University of Texas System  
University of Utah Health Sciences  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine