The 338 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which represents patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, health professionals, educators, and industry, are extremely grateful to Congress for making meaningful, reliable funding support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a key national priority. NIH-funded research not only has improved our understanding of the fundamental life and health sciences but also has facilitated development of ever-evolving diagnostic and therapeutic advances. As a result, our ability to prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat diseases has increased dramatically over time.

As a result of the strong, bipartisan vision of Senate and House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee leaders Senators Roy Blunt and Patty Murray, and Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Tom Cole, over the last five years, Congress has helped the agency regain some of the ground lost after years of effectively flat budgets. This most welcome renewed investment in NIH has increased the pace of biomedical research, reenergized existing and aspiring scientists nationwide, and restored hope for patients and their families. Today, more than ever before, we are on the cusp of profound new advances in science and medicine, such as cancer immunotherapies and gene-editing tools. These discoveries can help solve some of our greatest health challenges and hold great potential to yield treatments for devastating diseases that currently have none.

To further realize the potential of medical research, we must continue this forward momentum.

For FY 2021, the Ad Hoc Group recommends $44.7 billion for the NIH, a $3 billion increase over NIH’s program level funding in FY 2020. This funding level would allow for meaningful growth above inflation in the base budget and would expand NIH’s capacity to support promising science in all disciplines across the agency. It also would ensure that funding from the Innovation Account established in the 21st Century Cures Act would supplement the agency’s base budget, as intended, through dedicated funding for specific programs.

We further recommend a funding allocation for the Labor-HHS Subcommittee that allows for the necessary investment in NIH and other agencies that promote the health of our nation. Our community recognizes the difficult fiscal choices that lawmakers face; in this time of unprecedented scientific opportunity, we urge Congress to enable and support a continued commitment to medical research.

338 Signatories as of February 12, 2020
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Agfa HealthCare
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women Radiologists
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicians in Medicine
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology ®
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Council on Education
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Headache Society (AHS)
American Heart Association (AHA)
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical & Biomedical Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Neurological Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Matrix Biology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
American Society for Virology
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Veterinary Medical Association
AMGDB - Association of Medical and Graduate and Departments of Biochemistry
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Arthritis Foundation
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Anatomy Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairpersons
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Pathology Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Dup15q Alliance
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
East Carolina University
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Emory University
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Epilepsy Leadership Council
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Florida State University
FND Hope International
Foundation for Vaccine Research
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Friends of the National Institute on Aging (FoNIA)
GBS|CIDP International
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Global Liver Institute
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Hackensack Meridian Health
Harvard University
Henry Ford Health System
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hologic, Inc.
I AM ALS
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Association of Medical Science Educators
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
JOHN & AMY MEWHINEY CANCER FOUNDATION
Johns Hopkins University
Konica Minolta Healthcare
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Lymphatic Education and Research Network
March of Dimes
Mayo Clinic
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor
Michigan State University
Mickie’s Miracles
Moffitt Cancer Center
Mount Sinai Health System
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye & Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Foundation
National Fragile X Foundation
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Palliative Care Research Center
National Pancreas Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NYU Langone Health
Oregon Health & Science University
Partners HealthCare
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
SABI
Scleroderma Foundation
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
SLC6A1 Connect
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society of Abdominal Radiology
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Interventional Oncology
Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Surgical Chairs (SSC)
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
Stanford University
Susan G. Komen
Syngap Research Fund
TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine
Temple University
The Cute Syndrome Foundation - SCN8A Epilepsy
The George Washington University
The Heart Failure Society of America
The Histochemical Society
The Marfan Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Myositis Association
The Ohio State University
The Texas A&M University System
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
The University of Texas Medical Branch
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Treatment Communities of America
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
Tufts Medical Center
Tulane University
UC Berkeley
UC Davis Health
UCLA
United for Medical Research
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California Merced
University of California San Francisco
University of California System
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Hawai‘i - John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawai‘i System
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa Health Care
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
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University of Virginia Health
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
UTHealth | The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Washington State University
West Virginia University
Wishes for Elliott
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University