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