The undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which include patient groups, scientific societies, research institutions, health professionals, educators, and industry, are exceptionally grateful to Congress for making meaningful, reliable funding support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a key national priority. The nation’s return on investment in NIH research pays a lifetime of dividends in better health and quality of life for all Americans.

Through the strong, bipartisan leadership of House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs Tom Cole and Roy Blunt and Ranking Members Rosa DeLauro and Patty Murray, Congress is helping the agency regain lost ground after years of effectively flat budgets. In the fiscal year (FY) 2018 omnibus, lawmakers continued to make progress reversing those losses by providing a substantial increase to all NIH institutes and centers, in addition to dedicated funding through the 21st Century Cures Act and other funding devoted to specific priorities.

In FY 2019, the Ad Hoc Group recommends at least $39.3 billion for the NIH, including funds provided to the agency through the 21st Century Cures Act for targeted initiatives. This funding level would continue the momentum of recent years by enabling meaningful base budget growth above inflation to expand NIH’s capacity to support promising science in all disciplines, and also would ensure that the Innovation Account supplements the agency’s base budget, as intended, through dedicated funding for specific programs. Given the abundance of scientific opportunity, this recommendation represents a minimum investment to sustain progress that only would be amplified through an even more robust commitment.

The federal investment in biomedical research has yielded a significant number of scientific advances that help improve health outcomes of patients suffering from disease. We are committed to working with Congress and the Administration to further the longstanding, bipartisan tradition of enhancing the federal investment in medical discovery, and ensuring NIH remains a top priority in FY 2019 and beyond.

222 Signatories as of 04.26.18
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Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
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Addiction Medicine Foundation
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ALS Association
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Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Pediatrics
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 Anatomists
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American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Psychiatry Residency Training Directors
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Radiology (ACR)
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American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
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American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Neurological Association
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American Pediatric Society
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American Roentgen Ray Society
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American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Emergency Radiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology
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Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
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Association of Black Cardiologists
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Independent Research Institutes
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Association of Pathology Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
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Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
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Center for Medicine After the Holocaust
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Health Funding
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley’s Anemia Foundation
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Council of University Chairs of Obstetrics and Gynecology (CUCOG)
Cribs for Kids, Inc.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
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Interstitial Cystitis Association
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Mayo Clinic
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
METAvivor
Michigan Medicine
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
Montefiore Medicine
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
National Fragile X Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
NephCure Kidney International
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NYU Langone Health
PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Association
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State University
Population Association of America
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
QalibreMD, Inc.
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
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 Computed Body Tomography & Magnetic Resonance
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Surgical Chairs
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Society of University Surgeons
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