

November 17, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leaders McConnell, Pelosi, and Reid:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to urge Congress to complete work on fiscal year 2017 (FY17) appropriations before the end of the year and, as part of that legislation, to provide at least \$34 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

One of the many counter-strategic consequences of failing to complete the FY17 appropriations process this year would be stagnation in the lifesaving research funding provided by NIH. This research is key in disarming cancer, fighting antibiotic resistant “superbugs,” solving the Alzheimer’s disease epidemic, and confronting other deadly and debilitating health threats. The research supported by NIH does not work on the fiscal calendar because the best science often needs several years to move from questions to breakthroughs. Without the certainty of funding in FY17, researchers and innovators like those supported by NIH cannot drive progress faster; a missed opportunity that would allow disease to claim ever more lives.

By passing FY17 appropriations bills this year, Congress can send a message of strength that even in times of political division, Congress supports core American values and aims. America has never been a nation to idly watch others surpass us, and completing your work on FY17 spending bills by the end of this year will strengthen our national commitment to progress. We urge you to move forward by the end of this year and provide NIH and our nation’s other health agencies the funding needed to ensure that America remains a strong, innovative and healthy democracy and society.

Thank you and your respective staff members for your commitment and diligence.

Sincerely,

Research!America
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
Academy of Radiology Research
ActivistsAgainstAlzheimer’s Network
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Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Health System
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics
Alzheimer's Association
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electromyography Clinicians
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA)
American Brain Coalition
American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)
American College of Clinical Pharmacy Research Institute
American Dental Education Association (ADEA)
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Sociological Association
American Thoracic Society
American Veterinary Medical Association
Americans for Medical Progress
Angioma Alliance
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation
Arizona State University
Art & Science of Health Promotion Institute
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association for Women in Science
Association of American Universities (AAU)
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Clinical and Translational Science
Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.
Association of Population Centers

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Batten Disease
Baylor College of Medicine
Beyond Celiac
BioForward Wisconsin
BioHouston
Biophysical Society
Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation
Caregiver Action Network
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Center for the Adaptation Genetics and Drug Resistance
ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical & Translational Science
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Colorado State University
Columbia University Medical Center
Consortium of Social Science Associations
COPD Foundation
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America
Cure JM Foundation
Cure Sanfilippo Foundation
CURE, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy
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Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University School of Medicine
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
EB Research Partnership
Education and Research Consulting
Emory Center for AIDS Research
Emory University School of Medicine
Endocrine Society
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR)
Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College

Gene Giraffe Project
Geoffrey Beene Foundation
George Washington University
Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (Georgia CORE)
GeoVax, Inc.
Get Up Stand Up to Cure Paralysis
Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Hepatitis Foundation International
HIV Medicine Association
Hydrocephalus Association
IEEE-USA
IMRIS, Inc.
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
International WAGR Syndrome Association
International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo
Johns Hopkins Postdoctoral Association
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Johnson & Johnson
Klippel-Feil Syndrome Freedom
LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's
Leroy Hood Institute for Systems Biology
Louisiana State University, Office of Research and Economic Development
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute
Loyola University Chicago
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network, NY State Chapter
March of Dimes
Meharry Medical College
Mended Hearts
Moffitt Cancer Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
National AHEC Organization
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National MPS Society
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Nemours Children's Health System

NephCure Kidney International
Neurotechnology Industry Organization (NIO)
New York University
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research
Organic Acidemia Association
Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS)
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)
Partners HealthCare
Patient Services, Inc.
Penn Medicine
Population Association of America
Prion Alliance
Project Inform
Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
ResearchersAgainstAlzheimer's Network
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Science Policy & Outreach Group (SPOG) at University of Louisville School of Medicine
ScienceDebate.org
Scleroderma Foundation
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center
Sigma Xi The Scientific Research Honor Society
Sleep Research Society
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Solve ME/CFS Initiative
Spina Bifida Association
SSADH Association
St. George's University School of Medicine
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Taylor's Tale
The ALS Association
The Council of Scientific Society Presidents
The Genetics Society of America
The Kavli Foundation
The Kortney Rose Foundation
The Lymphatic Malformation Institute
The Marfan Foundation
The Rockefeller University

The Santa Fe Group
The University of Maryland, Baltimore
The Veterans Health Council
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
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American Society of Hematology (ASH)

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Association of American Medical Colleges

AVAC

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Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Forsyth Institute

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National Lymphedema Network

National Minority AIDS Council

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