



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on House FY 2023 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

July 1, 2022 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) spending bill approved June 30 by the House Appropriations Committee.*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research thanks the House Appropriations Committee for its efforts to continue the commitment to life-saving medical research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through a \$2.5 billion increase over current funding for the NIH in FY 2023.

In addition to providing hope to millions of patients, research supported by the NIH advances health, accelerates innovation, boosts our global competitiveness, and supports local economies. We are grateful that the committee-passed FY 2023 spending bill includes a \$47.5 billion investment to maintain the meaningful budget growth that is necessary to make these objectives a reality. In particular, we are appreciative that the bill would continue the sustained funding momentum of the last seven years through an increase in NIH's base budget, supporting all institutes and centers across the agency, and that funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) is separate from the increase for the NIH base budget.

We are grateful to House Labor-HHS Subcommittee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-Okla.) for the longstanding emphasis they have placed on the importance of medical research, and we are mindful that the FY 2023 appropriations process is just getting underway. The Ad Hoc Group looks forward to working with lawmakers in both chambers toward a timely enactment of a bipartisan bill that provides a robust increase for NIH in FY 2023 and encourages lawmakers to work toward the \$49 billion recommendation supported by nearly 400 members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 400 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.