

May 16, 2022

The Hon. Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-146A, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Leahy, Chair DeLauro, Vice Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of Research!America and the organizations below, thank you for your commitment to ensuring that basic scientific and technological research, pandemic preparedness and COVID-response efforts were well provided for in the FY22 omnibus appropriations bill.

The Appropriations Committees in both the House and the Senate have led the way throughout the pandemic in ensuring that vital resources were made available in flexible and creative ways to allow decision makers to adapt to fast changing conditions around the world.

As you begin the FY23 appropriations process, we urge you to sustain your commitment to federal funding for medical and public health research by securing a robust 302(b) funding allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee to meet the very real research funding needs before us. A healthy 302(b) allocation will help ensure robust funding for important health funding in the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee for NIH, CDC, AHRQ, BARDA and ARPA-H.

We are particularly concerned about funding for the National Institutes of Health. We are deeply disappointed in the minimal (0.6% percent) increase recommended in the President's FY23 budget submission. As our nation's flagship research institution, we believe that an infusion of at least \$4.1 billion is more than justified by the toll health threats take on Americans and populations across the globe. An increase of \$4.1 billion, inclusive of 21st Century Cures funding, would empower NIH to grow the number of progress-fueling grants the Institutes can support. The American people need and value fast-paced medical progress, which cannot be accomplished without fueling the barrier-breaking foundational research NIH funds and conducts. The anemic funding increase for NIH included in the President's budget will not put us in a position to confront and defeat longstanding, emerging, and yet unknown health threats or bolster our research capacity to ensure global competitiveness.

While we support ARPA-H, we feel strongly that funding for this new agency should complement – not supplant – NIH funding. The importance of providing robust funding to NIH and simultaneously supplying sufficient funding for this innovative new agency underscores the need for a robust 302(b) allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee.

Thank you for your time and consideration as you prepare for FY23 appropriations to fund our national priorities. Please call on us if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Research!America

Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families

Alpha-1 Foundation

American Academy of Neurology

American Association for Cancer Research

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

American Behcet's Disease Association (ABDA)

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

American Dental Education Association

American Physiological Society

American Psychological Association

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)

American Society for Investigative Pathology

American Society for Nutrition

American Society of Human Genetics

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Amputee Coalition

Arthritis Foundation

Association for Clinical Oncology

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)

Association of American Medical Colleges

Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology

Autoimmune Association

Bento Biology Inc.

Biocom California

Biophysical Society

BrightFocus Foundation

Ciencia Puerto Rico

Coalition for the Life Sciences

Cohen Veterans Bioscience
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
COPD Foundation
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy
Cure SMA
Endocrine Society
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Future Science Now
GenTAC Alliance
Gerritsen Consulting
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Global Liver Institute
Global Nutrition Project
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
HealthyWomen
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy association
International Biomedical Research Alliance
International Foundation for AiArthritis
International Organization of MS Nurses
International Society for Stem Cell Research
JDRF
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Juju and Friends CLN2 Warrior Foundation
Lasker Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease Alliance
Massachusetts General Hospital
MB Contractors, Inc.
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
Morgridge Institute for Research
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
National Hispanic Medical Association
National MPS Society

National MS Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Psoriasis Foundation
NBWHAN
NDRI
NEDA
New York Academy of Medicine
OncoSpherix, Inc
Oregon Health & Science University
Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Rare and Undiagnosed Network (RUN)
Saint Louis University School of Medicine
SBH Women's Health
Sepsis Alliance
Shepherd University - PBM Foundation
Sjogren's Foundation
Society for Neuroscience
Solve M.E.
Support Fibromyalgia Network
The Alzheimer's Association
The Alzheimer's Impact Movement
The Jackson Laboratory
The Marfan Foundation
The TMJ Association
The VEDS Movement
Treatment Action Group
UC Irvine School of Medicine
UC San Diego
UCLA School of Nursing
University of California, San Francisco
University of Chicago
University of Chicago Medical Center
UsAgainstAlzheimers
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