



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

August 6, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Mark Meadows
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leaders McConnell, McCarthy, and Schumer, Secretary Mnuchin, and Mr. Meadows:

As you negotiate emergency supplemental legislation to promote the nation's physical health and economic resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research urges you to work quickly to finalize a bipartisan agreement and to support emergency funding of at least \$15.5 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as proposed in the Senate Health Education and Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry that support enhancing the federal investment in the biomedical, behavioral, and population-based research conducted and supported by the NIH.

We are grateful that both the House and Senate COVID-19 relief proposals recognize the need to invest emergency funding in medical research. As the pandemic progresses and the long-term consequences for people affected by it become more clear, the urgency to expand existing and initiate new COVID-19-related research across the agency has increased. Additionally, support is needed to resume pre-pandemic research that was suspended due to lab closures and to address emerging challenges as labs reopen. The associated expenses will only grow as research resumes, and without federal support to offset these costs, we risk delaying our progress toward better prevention, treatments, diagnostics, and cures for cancer, Alzheimer's Disease, heart disease, Parkinson's Disease, substance use disorders, and so many more conditions.

In addition to improving health and advancing discovery, this life-saving work, which is conducted in every state and Washington, D.C., also drives local and national economic activity,

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creating skilled, high-paying jobs and fostering new products and industries. In fiscal year 2019, NIH-funded research supported more than 476,000 jobs across the U.S. and generated more than \$81 billion in new economic activity. Emergency funding to support the federal biomedical research enterprise will help efforts to sustain and restore the nation's economic health broadly, while also aiding early career investigators who are particularly susceptible to career disruptions as a result of the pandemic.

Our progress against COVID-19 – and every other health threat we face – is built on the longstanding bipartisan commitment to medical research. Preserving that investment will be key to continued advances. The Ad Hoc Group urges you to finalize as quickly as possible a relief package with no less than \$15.5 billion for NIH, to buoy patients, catalyze cures, drive science, accelerate innovation, and to support the research workforce and local economies. To ensure that the U.S. maintains its ability to provide new and better cures, diagnostics, and treatments for patients everywhere, emergency support for NIH is essential at this critical time.

Sincerely,

172 Signatories as of August 6, 2020

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
ACT for NIH: Advancing Cures Today
Alliance for Aging Research
American Academy of Dermatology Association
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 in Radiology
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 Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Cardiology
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Council on Education
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Massage Therapy Association
American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association

American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Matrix Biology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Radiologic Technologists
American Society of Transplantation
American Thoracic Society
Amputee Coalition
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Centers
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 Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.
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
Axis Advocacy
Biomedical Engineering Society
Biophysical Society
Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation
Children's Cancer Cause
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals

Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Council of Graduate Schools
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke Health
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network, Inc.
Endocrine Society
Epilepsy Foundation
Fabry Support & Information Group
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Fight Colorectal Cancer
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Global Liver Institute
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Hope Charities
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Hydrocephalus Association
Intercultural Cancer Council
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
KidneyCAN
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
March of Dimes
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation
Medical Image Perception Society
Men's Health Network
METAvivor
Moffitt Cancer Center
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Brain Tumor Society
National Cancer Registrars Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Pancreas Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
North American Vascular Biology Organization

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NYU Langone Health
Patient Services, Inc.
Pediatric Policy Council
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PMG Awareness Organization
Population Association of America
Preeclampsia Foundation
PremieWorld, LLC
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
St. Baldrick's Foundation
Susan G. Komen
Texas Christian University
The Brain Donor Project
The Histochemical Society
The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
The Society for Pediatric Radiology
The Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Triage Cancer
Tufts Medical Center
Tulane University Health Sciences Center
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
University of Virginia Health
University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health
Vanderbilt University
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Women First Research Coalition
Yale University