

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  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
ValentineGroupHealth, LLC  
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