

December 6, 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
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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:

The undersigned organizations from across the research and health ecosystem wish to thank you for your leadership in allocating resources needed to improve the health, wellbeing, and security of all Americans. Your efforts to advance a final FY23 spending plan are greatly appreciated. We understand that finalizing FY23 appropriations legislation can be particularly challenging in an election year and that there are several competing legislative priorities as we approach the end of the 117th Congress. As it stands, however, research and other tools essential to meeting today's challenges are weakened by a budget that has not been updated to reflect current realities.

It is in that context that we urge you to secure passage of a FY23 Omnibus spending bill before the current CR expires on December 16, and to include boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and our nation's other research agencies. This step is crucial to seeding public-private sector success in advancing seminal research, out-innovating emerging infectious disease threats, and producing positive health outcomes. Our nation requires prescient investment to respond to the challenges of today.

Our country reaps a strong return on our investment in our federal research agencies, facilitating health and economic benefits that multiply over time and far exceed our initial investment. This year alone, the return on federal and private sector research investment is evident in the development of a [next generation of mRNA technology](#), a [novel drug therapy for treatment of type 2 diabetes](#), and countless other medical advances. At the same time, NIH-funded research in every state across the country generated [\\$94.18 billion](#) in economic activity nationwide in FY21.

Our nation's timely investment in research and innovation is vital to our future. We are grateful for your role, and that of your respective staff members, in advancing the wellbeing of the American people and populations across the globe. Please exert your leadership to expeditiously pass an FY23 Omnibus spending bill with robust investment in NIH and our nation's other research and public health agencies before the December 16 expiration of the current continuing resolution.

Please call on us if we can be helpful to you or your staff moving forward.

Sincerely,

AcademyHealth
Accessia Health
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Behcet's Disease Association (ABDA)
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Radiology
American Federation for Aging Research
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Liver Foundation
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Virology
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Arthritis Foundation
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors

Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Science and Technology Centers
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Axis Advocacy
Beyond Celiac
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science
Biophysical Society
Camenzind Solutions LLC
Cellphire Therapeutics, Inc.
Choose Healthy Life
Chronic Disease Day
Climate Health Now
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for National Trauma Research
Color of Crohn's and Chronic Illness
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cornell University
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Doheny Eye Institute/UCLA
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Emory University
Epilepsy Foundation
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation. Inc.
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
GPS
HealthyWomen
Heart Failure Society of America
Helminthological Society of Washington
Hereditary Disease Foundation
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
Hope Charities
IFMRS
International Biomedical Research Alliance
International Dementia Advocate & Connector
International Myeloma Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF

Lasker Foundation
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
LSU-Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lurie Childrens hospital
Lymphatic Education and Research Network
Mal de Debarquement Syndrome Foundation
Memorial Sloan Kettering
METAvivor
Michigan State University
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
Moffitt Cancer Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
National AHEC Organization
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Ataxia Foundation
National Center for Health Research
National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions
National Eczema Association
National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)
National Kidney Foundation
National MS Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Pancreas Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Scleroderma Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
North American Primary Care Research Group
North Carolina Clinicians for Climate Action
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
OculoTherapy
OncoSpherix, Inc
Population Association of America
Prevent Blindness
Prevent Blindness Georgia
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Project Sleep
PSC Partners Seeking a Cure
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Servier Pharmaceuticals

Shepherd University
Sjögren's Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Solve M.E.
Spina Bifida Association
Stony Brook University
Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) Foundation
Susan G. Komen
Texas Society for Biomedical Research
The George Washington University
The Jackson Laboratory
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Obesity Society
The TMJ Association
The University of Texas at Arlington
Tigerlily Foundation
Tonix Pharmaceuticals, Inc
TSC Alliance
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
United for Charitable Assistance
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California System
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Illinois at Chicago
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
UsAgainstAlzheimer's Action
Vitalex Biosciences
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World Spine Care
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