

November 17, 2016

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

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leaders McConnell, Pelosi, and Reid:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to urge Congress to complete work on fiscal year 2017 (FY17) appropriations before the end of the year and, as part of that legislation, to provide at least \$34 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

One of the many counter-strategic consequences of failing to complete the FY17 appropriations process this year would be stagnation in the lifesaving research funding provided by NIH. This research is key in disarming cancer, fighting antibiotic resistant “superbugs,” solving the Alzheimer’s disease epidemic, and confronting other deadly and debilitating health threats. The research supported by NIH does not work on the fiscal calendar because the best science often needs several years to move from questions to breakthroughs. Without the certainty of funding in FY17, researchers and innovators like those supported by NIH cannot drive progress faster; a missed opportunity that would allow disease to claim ever more lives.

By passing FY17 appropriations bills this year, Congress can send a message of strength that even in times of political division, Congress supports core American values and aims. America has never been a nation to idly watch others surpass us, and completing your work on FY17 spending bills by the end of this year will strengthen our national commitment to progress. We urge you to move forward by the end of this year and provide NIH and our nation’s other health agencies the funding needed to ensure that America remains a strong, innovative and healthy democracy and society.

Thank you and your respective staff members for your commitment and diligence.

Sincerely,

Research!America  
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health  
Academy of Radiology Research  
ActivistsAgainstAlzheimer’s Network  
Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute  
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Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electromyography Clinicians  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA)  
American Brain Coalition  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy Research Institute  
American Dental Education Association (ADEA)  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Sociological Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Americans for Medical Progress  
Angioma Alliance  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation  
Arizona State University  
Art & Science of Health Promotion Institute  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association for Women in Science  
Association of American Universities (AAU)  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Clinical and Translational Science  
Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.  
Association of Population Centers

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Batten Disease  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Beyond Celiac  
BioForward Wisconsin  
BioHouston  
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Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation  
Caregiver Action Network  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Center for the Adaptation Genetics and Drug Resistance  
ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical & Translational Science  
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University Medical Center  
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Cure JM Foundation  
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Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
EB Research Partnership  
Education and Research Consulting  
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Emory University School of Medicine  
Endocrine Society  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research  
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)  
Friends of National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR)  
Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
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Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network, NY State Chapter  
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Mended Hearts  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America  
National AHEC Organization  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National MPS Society  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
Nemours Children's Health System

NephCure Kidney International  
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Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
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Partners HealthCare  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Penn Medicine  
Population Association of America  
Prion Alliance  
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