

Research Community Strongly Opposes Proposed Cuts to National Institutes of Health

The 95 undersigned organizations, including patient advocacy groups, professional scientific and medical societies are profoundly disappointed by the administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget request for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which would cut the agency's funding by more than 12 percent. Such devastating reductions would halt promising extramural and intramural research, force layoffs of scientists and research staff, and undermine America's global leadership in medical innovation. Equally concerning are continued proposals to restructure NIH and eliminate entire Institutes and Centers without Congressional consultation or input from the research community, and the persistent push to expand multi-year grants despite clear opposition from Congress and institutions that would bear the financial risk.

Congress has spoken clearly in support of stable, predictable NIH funding and the Agency's current approach to funding scientifically meritorious research with appropriate annual oversight. We are grateful for Congress' strong bipartisan support of medical research in the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. We urge Congress to continue to invest in NIH by appropriating \$51.3 billion in FY 2027. We particularly appreciate Congress's commitment to rejecting proposals to increase multi-year grant funding and cap facilities and administrative costs, which would destabilize institutional budgets and jeopardize ongoing research programs, and recommend that Congress continue to reject these policies, which are included in the administration's FY 2027 budget request.

Additionally, we urge the administration to respect Congressional authority and work collaboratively, not unilaterally, on any structural changes to NIH. It is imperative that Congress and the broader public have a voice in the scientific priorities, mission, and organization of the agency that funds research discoveries that save lives and strengthen our nation's health and economic competitiveness.

We stand ready to work with Congress to protect and advance the NIH mission in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

Alpha-1 Foundation

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

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American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American Dental Education Association
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geophysical Union
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)
American Kidney Fund
American Lung Association
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
American Physiological Society
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery, Inc.
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Biomechanics
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Urogyencologic Society

American Urological Association
Association for Psychological Science
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists
Association of Population Centers
AVAC
Center for Endometriosis Care
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Endocrine Society
Endometriosis Association
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
(FASEB) Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy
Foundation For Sarcoidosis Research
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Gerontological Society of America
Healthy Environment and Endocrine Disruptors, HEEDS.org Heart
Failure Society of America
HIV Medicine Association
Kids for Saving Earth
Lupus Foundation of America
Lupus Research Alliance
MassCOSH
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF)
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Kidney Foundation

Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society

NephCure

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

NPWH

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)

Population Association of America

Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Society for Neuroscience

Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER)

Society for Public Health Education

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Society for Women's Health Research

Society of Behavioral Medicine

Society of Experimental Psychologists

Society of Toxicology

Stupid Cancer

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)

The Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy

The National Pancreas Foundation

VHL Alliance

Vision Sciences Society

WE ACT for Environmental Justice

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.

Women First Research Coalition (WFRC)