

## **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)