

November 11, 2005

Dear Senator:

You and your colleagues hold the key to realizing the enormous promise of medical and health research – in both life-saving and economic terms.

As you work to set priorities for expenditure of the nation's fiscal resources, we urge you to press for \$29.4 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the FY 2006 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriation (H.R. 3010) conference bill. This amount, which was approved by the Senate, represents a modest 3.7 percent increase in funding. An across-the-board cut of any amount would further marginalize advances emanating from the NIH at a time when the opportunities for exponential gains in medical and health research are enormous.

The substantial returns on our nation's investment in the NIH include profound scientific advances contributing to preventions, effective screenings, treatments and cures alleviating human suffering, reducing disability and extending life for millions of individuals. The United States stands apart from the rest of the world in its record of sustained innovation over decades and through economic cycles. Innovation, the product of research, has been the principal driver of the U.S. economy for the past 50 years.

The over 125 million Americans represented by our organizations ask you to do your part to sustain our nation's commitment to protecting our nation's health. Can we count on your leadership?

Sincerely,

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AARP  
Abbott Laboratories  
AcademyHealth  
Academy of Radiology Research  
Acadia Pharmaceuticals  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding  
Adams County (CO) Economic Development, Inc.  
AdvaMed (Advanced Medical Technology Association)  
Affymetrix  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Lupus Research  
Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention  
Alnylam US, Inc.  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
AMDeC Foundation  
America on the Move Foundation  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Blood Banks  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
American Cancer Society  
American Chemical Society  
American Chronic Pain Association

American College of Cardiology  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Medical Genetics  
American College of  
Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Federation for Aging Research  
American Foundation for AIDS Research  
American Foundation for Urological Disease  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Legacy Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Pain Foundation  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
 The American Society for Cell Biology  
 American Society for Microbiology  
 American Society for Nutritional Sciences  
 American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
 American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
 American Society for Virology  
 American Society of Clinical Oncology  
 American Society of Hematology  
 American Society of Human Genetics  
 American Society of Hypertension  
 American Society of Nephrology  
 American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
 American Stroke Association  
 American Thoracic Society  
 American Transplant Foundation  
 American Urological Association  
 American Vascular Association Foundation  
 Americans for Medical Progress  
 America's Blood Centers  
 The Arc of the United States  
 Arizona State University College of Nursing  
 Arthritis Foundation  
 Association for Medical School Pharmacology Chairs  
 The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
 Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs  
 Association of Academic Health Centers  
 Association of American Cancer Institutes  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of American Physicians  
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
 Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology Chairpersons  
 Association of Anesthesiology Program Directors  
 Association of Black Cardiologists  
 Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology  
 The Association of Cleveland Physiologists  
 Association of Independent Research Institutes  
 Association of Medical School Microbiology and Immunology Chairs  
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
 Association of Professors of Dermatology  
 Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics  
 Association of Professors of Medicine  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
 Association of Schools of Public Health  
 Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
 AstraZeneca LP  
 Athena Diagnostics  
 Aurora (CO) Economic Development Council  
 Autoimmune Disease Association  
 Baylor College of Dentistry  
 Baylor College of Medicine  
 Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences  
 BCCNS Life Support Network  
 Biogen Idec  
 BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc.  
 The Biophysical Society  
 Biotechnology Industry Organization  
 Blood Center of Wisconsin, Inc.  
 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation on Health Care  
 Boston Biomedical Research Institute  
 Boston University School of Dental Medicine  
 Boston University School of Public Health  
 Brigham and Women's Hospital  
 Bristol-Myers Squibb Company  
 Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University  
 Buck Institute for Age Research  
 Burns & Allen Research Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
 Burrill & Company  
 Burroughs Wellcome Fund  
 California Biomedical Research Association  
 California HealthCare Foundation  
 California Institute for Regenerative Medicine  
 California Institute of Technology  
 California Wellness Foundation  
 Campaign for Medical Research  
 Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation  
 Canon U.S. Life Sciences  
 Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry  
 Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
 Center for Blood Research, Inc.  
 The Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation  
 Center for the Advancement of Health  
 CFIDS Association of America  
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
 Child and Adolescent Bipolar Foundation  
 Child Neurology Society  
 Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Inc.  
 The Children's Hospital Foundation  
 Children's Memorial Research Center, Chicago  
 Children's Neurobiological Solutions  
 Children's Research Institute, Columbus  
 Children's Research Institute, Washington  
 Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE)  
 City and County of Denver  
 City of Hope National Medical Center  
 Coalition for Health Services Research  
 Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue  
 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
 Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado  
 Colfax Marathon Partnership  
 Colorado Bioscience Association  
 Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade  
 Colorado State University  
 Colorectal Cancer Coalition  
 Columbia University  
 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
 Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery  
 Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
 Connecticut United for Research Excellence, Inc.  
 Conquer Fragile X Foundation  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 Coriell Institute for Medical Research  
 Council of Scientific Society Presidents  
 Creighton University School of Medicine  
 The Critical Path Institute (C-Path)  
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
 Cystinosis Research Network  
 Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation  
 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
 Dartmouth Medical School  
 DENTSPLY International  
 Digene Corporation  
 Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Discovery Partners International  
 Doheny Eye Institute  
 Drexel University College of Medicine  
 Drexel University School of Public Health  
 Duke University Medical Center  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 East Tennessee State University, James H. Quillen College of Medicine  
 Eli Lilly and Company  
 Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing  
 Emory University Rollins School of Public Health  
 Emory University School of Medicine  
 The Endocrine Society  
 ESA, Inc.  
 Fairfax County (VA) Economic Development Authority  
 FasterCures  
 Federation of American Scientists  
 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
 Federation of State Medical Boards  
 Fitzsimons (CO) Redevelopment Authority  
 Florida Atlantic University Division of Research  
 Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network  
 Ford Finance, Inc.  
 Forest Laboratories, Inc.  
 The Forsyth Institute  
 Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types, Inc.  
 Fox Chase Cancer Center  
 Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
 Friends of Cancer Research  
 Friends of the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research  
 Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research  
 Friends of the National Library of Medicine  
 GeneCare Medical Genetic Center  
 Genetic Alliance  
 Genetic Alliance BioBank  
 The George Washington University Medical Center  
 The Georgetown University Center for the Study of Sex Difference in Health, Aging and Disease  
 GlaxoSmithKline  
 Global Health Council  
 Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation  
 Guillain Barre Syndrome Foundation International  
 Gynecologic Cancer Foundation  
 Harvard Medical School  
 Harvard University School of Dental Medicine  
 Harvard University School of Public Health

Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Inc.  
 Health Research Association  
 Heart Rhythm Society  
 Hemophilia Federation of America  
 Hepatitis Foundation International  
 Hereditary Disease Foundation  
 Howard University College of Dentistry  
 Howard University College of Medicine  
 IBM Life Sciences Division  
 Illinois State University Mennonite College of Nursing  
 ImmunoGen, Inc.  
 Indiana University  
 Indiana University School of Dentistry  
 Indiana University School of Nursing  
 Infectious Diseases Society of America  
 Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus  
 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
 International Rett Syndrome Association  
 Iris Alliance Fund  
 Iron Disorders Institute  
 IsoDiCentric 15 Exchange, Advocacy & Support (IDEAS)  
 Jacobs Institute of Women's Health  
 Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
 The J. David Gladstone Institutes  
 The Jackson Laboratory  
 The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health  
 The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
 The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing  
 Johnson & Johnson  
 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)  
 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International  
 Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California  
 Kennedy Krieger Institute  
 Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology  
 KID Foundation  
 Kidney Cancer Association  
 KSS Foundation  
 La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology  
 Lance Armstrong Foundation  
 Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society  
 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society  
 Life Sciences Management Group  
 Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center  
 Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute  
 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans  
 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry  
 Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute  
 Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine  
 Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.  
 Lupus Foundation of Colorado, Inc.  
 Lymphatic Research Foundation  
 Lymphoma Research Foundation  
 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation  
 Marine Biological Laboratory  
 Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.  
 Masonic Medical Research Laboratory  
 Massachusetts General Hospital  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Mayo Clinic  
 McLaughlin Research Institute  
 Medical and Health Research Association of New York City, Inc.  
 Medical College of Georgia  
 The Medical College of Wisconsin  
 The Medical Foundation, Inc.  
 Medical Library Association/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
 Medical University of South Carolina  
 Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing  
 MedStar Research Institute  
 Meharry Medical College  
 Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry  
 Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Memory Pharmaceuticals  
 Mended Hearts, Inc.  
 Men's Health Network  
 Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation  
 Miami Children's Hospital  
 Michigan Society for Medical Research  
 Midwest Nursing Research Society  
 Morehouse School of Medicine  
 Mount Sinai Medical Center  
 National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
 National Alliance for Research in Schizophrenia and Depression  
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
 National Asian Women's Health Organization  
 National Association for Biomedical Research  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)  
 National Association of Hepatitis Task Forces  
 National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)  
 National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
 National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research  
 National Committee for Quality Health Care  
 National Down Syndrome Society  
 National Emphysema/COPD Association  
 National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
 National Health Council  
 National Hemophilia Foundation  
 National Jewish Medical and Research Center  
 National Kidney Foundation  
 National Marfan Foundation  
 National Organization for Rare Disorders  
 National Osteoporosis Foundation  
 National Perinatal Association  
 National Pharmaceutical Council  
 National Prostate Cancer Coalition  
 National Quality Forum  
 National Sleep Foundation  
 National Stroke Association  
 National Women's Health Network  
 Nebraskans for Research  
 Nemours  
 NephCure Foundation  
 New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research  
 New Jersey Dental School  
 New York Blood Center  
 New York College of Osteopathic Medicine  
 New York State Association of County Health Officials  
 New York University College of Dentistry  
 New York-Presbyterian Hospital  
 NHLBI Constituency Group  
 North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research  
 Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine  
 Northern Nevada Genetic Counseling  
 Northwest Association for Biomedical Research  
 Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine  
 Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine  
 Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
 The Ohio State University College of Dentistry  
 The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health  
 The Ohio State University School of Public Health  
 Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation  
 Oral Health America  
 Organic Acidemia Association  
 Oregon Health & Science University  
 Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry  
 Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing  
 Oregon Research Institute  
 Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
 Oxford Bioscience Partners  
 Pacific Health Research Institute  
 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
 Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
 Parkinson's Action Network  
 Parkinson's Disease Foundation  
 Partnership for Prevention  
 Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition  
 Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
 The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine  
 The Protein Society  
 Pfizer Inc  
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 Post-Polio Health International  
 Presbyterian Health Foundation  
 Prevent Blindness America  
 Prostate Cancer Foundation  
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
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 PXE International  
 RAND Health  
 Research!America  
 The Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc.  
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 Rice University  
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Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education, Inc.  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Surgical Oncology  
South Alabama Medical Science Foundation  
South Dakota State University  
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine  
Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research  
Spina Bifida Association of America  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine  
State University of New York Downstate Medical Center  
State University of New York Upstate Medical University  
Stony Brook University School of Medicine  
Strategic Health Policy International, Inc.  
Suicide Prevention Action Network–USA  
Targacept, Inc.  
Texas A&M University Health Science Center  
Texas Tech University Health Science Center  
Thomson Scientific & Healthcare  
Tourette Syndrome Association  
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine  
Tulane University Health Sciences Center  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health  
University of Arizona College of Medicine  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health  
University of California, Davis School of Medicine  
University of California, Irvine College of Medicine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry  
University of California, Los Angeles School of Nursing  
University of California, San Diego School of Medicine/Health Sciences  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry  
University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of California, Systemwide  
The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine  
University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
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University of Colorado at Denver and HSC School of Dentistry  
University of Colorado at Denver and HSC School of Nursing  
University of Colorado System  
University of Connecticut Health Center School of Dental Medicine  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine  
University of Florida College of Dentistry  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing  
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Public Health  
The University of Iowa College of Dentistry  
The University of Iowa College of Public Health  
University of Kansas  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
University of Kansas Medical Center School of Nursing  
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry  
University of Louisville School of Dentistry  
University of Maryland at Baltimore  
University of Maryland at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery  
University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Nursing  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan Medical School  
University of Michigan School of Public Health  
University of Minnesota School of Public Health  
The University of Mississippi Medical Center  
University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry  
University of Montana School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine  
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health  
University of North Dakota  
The University of North Texas Health Science Center  
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University of South Carolina Office of Research and Health Sciences  
University of South Carolina School of Medicine  
University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
University of South Florida  
University of South Florida College of Nursing  
University of Southern California School of Dentistry  
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University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing  
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The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Medicine  
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
University of Utah Health Sciences Center School of Medicine  
University of Vermont College of Medicine  
University of Washington School of Dentistry  
University of Washington School of Medicine  
University of Washington School of Nursing  
University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine  
Van Andel Research Institute  
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Vanderbilt University School of Nursing  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Washington University in St. Louis Center for Health Policy  
Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine  
Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
West Virginia University Health Sciences Center  
West Virginia University School of Dentistry  
Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research  
Wisconsin Association for Biomedical Research and Education  
Wright State University School of Medicine  
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals  
Yale University School of Medicine  
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