

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  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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 117<sup>th</sup> 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  
wAIHA Warriors  
World Spine Care  
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer