

**H.R. 6157 ~ Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education / Defense Appropriations conference report ... an additional \$2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

October 16, 2018

**The Honorable Tom Cole**

Chairman  
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives

**The Honorable Roy Blunt**

Chairman  
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate

**The Honorable Rosa DeLauro**

Ranking Member  
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives

**The Honorable Patty Murray**

Ranking Member  
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member DeLauro and Ranking Member Murray,

The undersigned 203 organizations write to thank you and your respective staff members for securing meaningful funding increases for medical and public health research in the **Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education/Defense Appropriations conference report (H.R. 6157)**.

Your extraordinary bipartisan leadership led to **an additional \$2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, further empowering this agency to confront serious biomedical and public health challenges that impact the health, well-being and economic prosperity of our nation. We look forward to working with you during the FY 2020 appropriations process to build on this momentum and to also advance other crucially important Department of Health and Human Services agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Our organizations want to be sure that you and your staff members know how much we appreciate what you accomplished in passing this legislation before the start of the new fiscal year and including funding that will power more progress against deadly and debilitating health threats. Because of your hard work and vision, the essential, multi-faceted benefits of science will accrue faster to America and Americans.

Sincerely,

Research!America  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation  
AdvaMed  
Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Patient Access  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM)  
Alzheimer's Los Angeles  
Alzheimer's Orange County  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Cancer Research  
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 & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Chemical Society  
American Chronic Pain Association  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Dental Education Association  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Physiological Society  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Virology  
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association

American Veterinary Medical Association  
Americans for Medical Progress  
ASBMR  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of Academic Psychiatrists  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI)  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)  
Audentes Therapeutics  
Autism Speaks  
AVAC  
Axis Advocacy  
Battelle Memorial Institute  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason  
Beyond Celiac  
Biophysical Society  
Caregiver Action Network  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
City of Hope  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition for Clinical Trials Awareness  
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
College of Graduate Health Sciences, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Columbia University  
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of Scientific Society Presidents  
Cystic Fibrosis Engagement Network (CFEN)  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke Health  
Duke University  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
EB Research Partnership  
Education and Research Consulting

Emory Healthcare  
Emory University  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
FasterCures/Milken Institute  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Feta Med, Inc.  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation for a Smoke-Free World  
Foundation for Vaccine Research  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia Tech  
Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.  
Health Care Systems Research Network  
Heart Rhythm Society  
HIV Medicine Association  
Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa  
Hydrocephalus Association  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Jewell Jackson McCabe  
Johnson & Johnson  
Jonah's Just Begun-Foundation to Cure Sanfilippo  
Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden  
Kent State University  
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
Lewy Body Dementia Association  
Louisiana State University  
LSU - Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Mary Fogarty McAndrew  
Mayo Clinic  
METAvivor  
MLD Foundation  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation

National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Coalition of 100 Black Women  
National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect  
National MPS Society  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)  
NBIA Disorders Association  
NDRI  
NephCure Kidney International  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Oakland University  
One Mind  
Oral Health America (OHA)  
Organization Name as to be listed on letter  
Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation  
Penn Medicine  
Penn State College of Medicine  
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania  
**Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates**  
**Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation**  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Richard Nakamura, Ph.D., retired  
Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society For Biomaterials  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Prevention Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Solve ME/CFS Initiative  
Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Biomedical Research Institute  
Texas Society for Biomedical Research  
The American Society of Breast Surgeons  
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)  
The California Society for Biomedical Research  
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
The Children's Inn at NIH  
The J. David Gladstone Institutes

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Myositis Association  
The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures  
The New York Academy of Medicine  
The Prevent Cancer Foundation  
The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc.  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
The University of Kansas Cancer Center  
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
Thomas R. Cech, Ph.D., BioFrontiers Institute  
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health  
UNC Health Care System & UNC School of Medicine  
United for Medical Research  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Chicago Medical Center  
University of Georgia  
University of Illinois System  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Vermont College of Medicine  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
UTHealth - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Weill Cornell Medicine  
Yale School of Medicine