

August XX, 2024

The Hon. Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Hon. Susan Collins
Vice-Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Hon. Tammy Baldwin
Chair
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health
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Related Agencies
141 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Hon. Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, and Related
Agencies
170 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Vice-Chair Collins, Chair Baldwin, and Ranking Member Capito,

The undersigned organizations and individuals write to thank you for including a net increase of more than \$1.7 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Senate Appropriations Committee's Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill. We are appreciative for your extraordinary individual and joint commitment to preventing, treating, and curing diseases and conditions that rob the American people, and populations across the globe, of health, independence, time, and loved ones.

Your efforts prior to this legislation -- and the additional research progress made possible if this funding increase is signed into law -- will be felt across time and generations. Not only does U.S. research investment seed enduringly beneficial medical advances, but it also enables scientists across the country to gain the foundational knowledge needed to empower unimagined breakthroughs going forward.

The burden of disease is shared, but also deeply personal. We all have experience with the vicious toll it takes. Please know that we recognize and value the hard work you and your respective staff members have devoted to the Senate FY25 LHHS legislation, and we would welcome the opportunity to assist your efforts as the appropriations process continues.

Sincerely,



Mary Woolley
President and CEO
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