

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,

American Industrial Hygiene Association

American Society for Nutrition

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

Center for Endometriosis Care

The Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
(ARVO)

National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research

Coalition of Skin Diseases

The National Pancreas Foundation

American Society for Reproductive Medicine

Alliance for Aging Research

Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society

Vision Sciences Society

Society of Experimental Psychologists

Association of Academic Physiatrists

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial
Research

Endocrine Society

American Society of Hematology

VHL Alliance

American Urogyencologic Society

American Brain Coalition

Gerontological Society of America

National Kidney Foundation

American Gastroenterological Association

Amerian Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

Association for Psychological Science

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)

Society for Public Health Education

American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental
Therapeutics (ASPET)

Kids for Saving Earth

Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention

Heart Failure Society of America

Society for Neuroscience

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Society of Behavioral Medicine

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Epilepsy Foundation of America

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology,
Hepatology and Nutrition

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

Society for Women's Health Research

American Physiological Society

American Lung Association

American College of Osteopathic Internists

WE ACT for Environmental Justice

American Diabetes Association

Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
(AIMBE)

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery, Inc.

American Society of Biomechanics

American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

American Urological Association

Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy

AVAC

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

American Kidney Fund

Endometriosis Association

Lupus Foundation of America

National Coalition of STD Directors

Lupus Research Alliance

NPWH

Alpha-1 Foundation

American Association for Respiratory Care

Foundation For Sarcoidosis Research

Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF)

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research
(SPER)

Stupid Cancer

American Dental Education Association

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)

MassCOSH

Women First Research Coalition (WFRC)

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.

Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance

NephCure

AVAC

HIV Medicine Association

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

American Society of Nephrology

American Association of Immunologists

Healthy Environment and Endocrine Disruptors, HEEDS.org

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Population Association of America

Association of Population Centers

Society of Toxicology

American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Entomological Society of America

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Geophysical Union

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
(FASEB)

American Society of Plastic Surgeons