



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Honorable David Obey  
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Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Tiahrt  
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United States Senate  
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

The undersigned patient groups, scientific and medical societies, research institutions and industry organizations, which are members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, thank you for your longstanding leadership on behalf of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The investments you have made in medical research through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) and the annual appropriations process are creating new scientific opportunities, supporting high-technology, high-wage jobs in all 50 states and significantly accelerating the pace of progress in the fight against many of our most serious diseases.

Continuation of this support is critical to improving the health of our nation and maintaining our leadership in the global innovation economy. These recent investments have created dramatic new research opportunities in areas ranging from behavioral research to genetics, spurring innovation and advancing the promise of personalized medicine that will yield long-term economic benefits. We thank President Obama for his continued commitment to science and innovation at a time when the nation's fiscal situation compels difficult decisions and for increasing the NIH budget in his budget proposal by \$1 billion. The Ad Hoc Group urges Congress to build on this promising start and strongly supports \$35 billion for the NIH for FY 2011.

Past investments are now driving the delivery of new research advances, training the next generation of investigators, creating jobs, and promoting industry growth. Scientists are using these funds to:

- Explore strategies not even possible ten years ago, before advances in genomics, proteomics, and regenerative medicine opened new avenues for research;
- Build on insights of previous discoveries to more quickly deliver new treatments for patients; and
- Improve the quality of health care by developing more sophisticated diagnostic tools and interventions.

The undersigned organizations are deeply grateful for this extraordinary opportunity. By supporting \$35 billion for biomedical research and the NIH, you can help ensure the nation does not lose the health and economic benefits of this extraordinary investment and take the next crucial step by beginning a course of sustained NIH funding in the FY 2011 budget and beyond. We thank you once again for your support for the life-saving research funded by the NIH, and ask for your continued leadership. We look forward to working with you to continue to improve the health of the American people through medical research.

Sincerely,

Academy of Radiology Research  
 Administrators of Internal Medicine  
 AIDS Institute  
 AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition  
 Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
 Alliance for Aging Research  
 American Association for Cancer Research  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)  
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
 American College of Radiology  
 American Heart Association  
 American Lung Association  
 American Psychiatric Association  
 American Psychological Association  
 American Society for Microbiology  
 American Society of Nephrology  
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)  
 American Society of Transplantation  
 American Statistical Association  
 American Thoracic Society  
 amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research  
 Association for Clinical Research Training  
 Association for Patient-Oriented Research  
 Association for Psychological Science  
 Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
 Association of American Geographers  
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
 Association of Population Centers

Association of Professors of Medicine  
Association of Specialty Professors  
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention  
Charles Drew University  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS)  
HIV Medicine Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Lupus Research Institute  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Medical Library Association  
Meharry Medical College  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Marfan Foundation  
NephCure Foundation  
Penn Medicine  
Population Association of America  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research! America  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Society for Clinical and Translational Research  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Treatment Action Group