

July 9, 2024

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to share our opposition to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations bill as currently written. We are extremely concerned about the cuts to public health and biomedical research programs, including the \$48 billion funding level for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that would result in cuts to research.

Additionally, and importantly, we are alarmed that the Labor-HHS bill incorporates policy to restructure the NIH. Authorizing an entirely new structure for the NIH in an appropriations bill without hearings, data, and review of the impact on biomedical research is a violation of process and procedures. This massive consolidation of NIH's Institutes and Centers amounts to Congress dictating science; it would affect all research conducted at the NIH and be detrimental to the research enterprise. A policy of this magnitude—and one affecting one of our nation's preeminent research institutions—should not be included in an appropriations bill. It must be considered by an authorizing body through an open, transparent process that includes input from a variety of key stakeholders and follows a thorough review of NIH operations and portfolios.

We appreciate the Committee's historical support for the NIH. The FY 2025 Labor-HHS bill, however, falls very short of supporting the biomedical research enterprise, and includes provisions – like the NIH restructuring – that require due diligence prior to being legislated. Consequently, we urge the Committee to remove the language to restructure NIH and urge that there be congressional hearings and a deliberate bipartisan and bicameral process before advancing legislation to restructure the NIH.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Erika Miller at emiller@dc-crd.com.

Sincerely,

A Foundation Building Strength for Nemaline Myopathy
Adult Polyglucosan Body Disease (APBD) Research Foundation
AiArthritis (International Foundation Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis)
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance for Black NICU Families
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
Alliance to Cure Cavernous Malformation
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition (ABC)
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Cardiology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Dental Association
American Dental Education Association
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for Women's Health/StopAfib.org
American Geophysical Union (AGU)
American Heart Association
American Kidney Fund
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Nephrology Nurses Association
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Microbiology

American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association (AUA)
Arthritis National Research Foundation
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB)
Association of Black Cardiologists
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autoimmune Association
BARE- Biliary Atresia Research and Education
BDSRA Foundation
Beautifully Unblemished Vitiligo Support Group, Inc
Black Women's Health Imperative
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
CancerCare
Cardio Facio Cutaneous syndrome International
Caregiver Action Network
Center for Endometriosis Care
Chelsea's Hope Lafora Children Research Fund
Child Neurology Foundation
Children's Environmental Health Network
Chris "CJ " Johnson Foundation Inc
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
CLOVES Syndrome Community
Coalition for Pediatric Medical Research
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
COMBINEDBrain, Inc.
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Cossette Enterprises
Cribs for Kids, Inc.
CSNK2A1 Foundation
CTNNB1 Connect and Cure
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy
CURE Epilepsy
Cure HHT
cureCADASIL
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dorney-Koppel Foundation
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
DYNC1H1 Association
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Empowering Epilepsy
Endocrine Society
Endometriosis Association
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsies Action Network
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana
Fatty Liver Foundation
FD/MAS Alliance
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)
GABA-A Alliance
Genetic Alliance
Gerontological Society of America
Global Liver Institute
Gorlin Syndrome Alliance
HealthyWomen
Heart Valve Voice US
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
HIV Medicine Association
Hope for HIE
HS Connect
Immune Deficiency Foundation
International Chemical Workers Union Council of the UFCW
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders

International Pemphigus & Pemphigoid Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)
Joey's Wings Foundation
KCNT1 Epilepsy Foundation
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
LGDA
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Research Alliance
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Made A Masterpiece, Inc
March of Dimes
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
Melanin Children Matter Inc
Menowar
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Council on Family Relations
National Environmental Health Association
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National League for Nursing
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR)
National Women's Health Network
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology
and Nutrition
Organic Acidemia Association
Organization of Teratology Information Specialists
Orthopaedic Research Society
PCD Foundation
PCOS Challenge: The National Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
Association
Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA)
Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium

Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
Preeclampsia Foundation
PREEMIEWORLD FOUNDATION INC
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep
Prostate Conditions Education Council
PXE International
Rare Epilepsy Network
Raymond A. Wood Foundation
Renal Physicians Association
Respiratory Health Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rutgers School of Public Health
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America
Sjogren's Foundation
Sober Livers, Fatty Liver Foundation Impact Program
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Toxicology
South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy
Spina Bifida Association
STXBP1 Foundation
Susan G. Komen
SynGAP Research Fund
The AIDS Institute
The Cameron Boyce Foundation
The Coalition for Clinical Trial Equity
The Cute Syndrome Foundation
The Endometriosis Summit

The Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
THE KAT6 FOUNDATION INC
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The MED13L Foundation
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network
The National Pancreas Foundation
The PICS Society (Pediatric and Congenital Interventional
Cardiovascular Society)
The Rory Belle Foundation
The Simon Foundation for Continence
The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
The Sturge-Weber Foundation
The University of Illinois at Chicago
Tourette Association of America
Treatment Action Group
TSC Alliance
United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc.
United Spinal Association
Usher 1F Collaborative
Usher Syndrome Coalition
Usher Syndrome Society
UTI Health Alliance
VHL Alliance
Vietnam Veterans of America
wAIHA Warriors
Women's Health Access Matters (WHAM)
Women's Heart Alliance
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease
Your Prostate Cancer.help, Inc