

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](mailto: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