



The NIH Crisis: Talking Points

The Issue

- NIH funding is frozen, with over \$1.5 billion undisbursed since January.
- Proposed legislation (H.R. 1497) would dismantle the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) into three separate institutes.
- A cap on Facilities & Administrative (F&A) costs threatens the foundation of U.S. biomedical research by undermining the infrastructure that supports it.

Why It Matters

Patient Impact

- Millions rely on NIH-funded advances for asthma, food allergies, eczema, immune deficiencies and other conditions.
- Splitting NIAID would fracture the interconnected research on allergy, immunology and infectious diseases — halting breakthroughs patients desperately need.
- Without stable NIH funding, ongoing clinical trials for life-saving therapies will stall or disappear.

Physician Shortage Crisis

- 88% of U.S. medical schools depend on NIH funding.
- Cuts will worsen the shortage of allergists, immunologists and other specialists, leaving rural and underserved areas particularly vulnerable.

Scientific and Economic Damage

- Nearly every FDA-approved drug starts with NIH-supported research.
- NIH generates at least \$2.46 for every \$1 invested and supports over 400,000 jobs.
- Splitting NIAID increases bureaucracy and decreases efficiency, driving up costs and delaying cures.
- Capping F&A support threatens the infrastructure required for scientific discovery — including the laboratories, clinical trial networks, data systems and safety oversight that make research possible. Universities and hospitals may be forced to scale back or abandon essential research if they cannot recover the actual costs of conducting it.

National Security Threat

- Infectious, allergic and immunologic research is intertwined — vital for pandemic preparedness and defense against emerging threats.

- NIH-supported science safeguards the U.S. against future pandemics, bioterrorism and chronic disease burdens.

Our Ask

- Oppose H.R. 1497 and preserve NIAID's unified structure.
- Ensure full NIH funding and protect F&A cost support.
- Protect patients, sustain U.S. scientific leadership and prepare for future health threats.