October 16, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member DeLauro and Ranking Member Murray,

The undersigned organizations write to thank you and your respective staff members for securing meaningful funding increases for medical and public health research in the Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education/Defense Appropriations conference report (H.R. 6157).

Your extraordinary bipartisan leadership led to an additional $2 billion funding increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), further empowering this agency to confront serious biomedical and public health challenges that impact the health, well-being and economic prosperity of our nation. We look forward to working with you during the FY 2020 appropriations process to build on this momentum and to also advance other crucially important Department of Health and Human Services agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Our organizations want to be sure that you and your staff members know how much we appreciate what you accomplished in passing this legislation before the start of the new fiscal year and including funding that will power more progress against deadly and debilitating health threats. Because of your hard work and vision, the essential, multi-faceted benefits of science will accrue faster to America and Americans.

Sincerely,

Research!America
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
American Veterinary Medical Association
Americans for Medical Progress
ASBMR
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Health Centers
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI)
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH)
Audentes Therapeutics
Autism Speaks
AVAC
Axis Advocacy
Battelle Memorial Institute
Baylor College of Medicine
Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason
Beyond Celiac
Biophysical Society
Caregiver Action Network
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
City of Hope
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Clinical Trials Awareness
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
College of Graduate Health Sciences, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Columbia University
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
Cooley’s Anemia Foundation
Council of Scientific Society Presidents
Cystic Fibrosis Engagement Network (CFEN)
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke Health
Duke University
Duke University School of Medicine
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
EB Research Partnership
Education and Research Consulting
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Coalition of 100 Black Women
National Foundation to End Child Abuse and Neglect
National MPS Society
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)
NBIA Disorders Association
NDRI
NephCure Kidney International
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Oakland University
One Mind
Oral Health America (OHA)
Organization Name as to be listed on letter
Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation
Penn Medicine
Penn State College of Medicine
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Richard Nakamura, Ph.D., retired
Science Policy and Advocacy at Rutgers
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society For Biomaterials
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Prevention Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Solve ME/CFS Initiative
Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation
Texas A&M University
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Texas Society for Biomedical Research
The American Society of Breast Surgeons
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD)
The California Society for Biomedical Research
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
The Children's Inn at NIH
The J. David Gladstone Institutes
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Marfan Foundation
The Myositis Association
The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures
The New York Academy of Medicine
The Prevent Cancer Foundation
The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc.
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
The University of Kansas Cancer Center
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Thomas R. Cech, Ph.D., BioFrontiers Institute
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
UNC Health Care System & UNC School of Medicine
United for Medical Research
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Georgia
University of Illinois System
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Vermont College of Medicine
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
UTHealth - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Vietnam Veterans of America
Weill Cornell Medicine
Yale School of Medicine