

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

December 4, 2020

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President-elect
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear President-elect Biden:

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, and the 349 undersigned member organizations representing patients, clinicians, scientists, educators, academic institutions, research organizations, and industry, thank you for your steadfast support for science. As the oldest coalition advocating for the federal investment in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and biomedical, bioengineering, behavioral, and social science research, we are grateful that you support increased and sustainable funding growth for the NIH as part of \$300 billion in new research and development investments in your Build Back Better plan.

We applaud the steps you and your team have already taken to seek and then follow recommendations from the scientific community during the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, and we appreciate your recognition that investments in scientific discovery are crucial to improving the

Emergency Supplemental Funding. As you know, the NIH plays an instrumental role in funding basic, translational, and clinical research in labs nationwide and facilitating the translation of this knowledge into applications for human health. For example, NIH-funded research has been critical to confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, among the most pressing public health crises of our time. Since the beginning of the pandemic, many NIH-funded researchers have focused on developing diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines for COVID-19. The incredible pace of scientific advancements over the past eleven months—from the rapid sequencing of the viral genome, to the development of new assays to test for infection, to preclinical and clinical testing of potential vaccine candidates and treatments—has been possible because of decades of NIH-funded basic research. As the world's largest funder of biomedical research, the NIH has invested billions of dollars in developing the technologies, collaborative research networks, and a workforce that enabled this accelerated pace of biomedical innovation in the face of the COVID-19 emergency. Ai(e p)21.5 (ac)

349 Signatories as of December 3, 2020

Academic Pediatric Association
Academy of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
ACT for NIH
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Alzheimer's Orange County
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women in Radiology
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association on Health and Disability
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Council on Education
American Gastroenterological Association
American Headache Society
American Heart Association
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association

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Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor
Michigan State University
Moffitt Cancer Center
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Ataxia Foundation
National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Pancreas Foundation
National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices
NephCure Kidney International
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NorCal CarciNET Community
North American Society of Cardiovascular Imaging
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northeastern University
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
PATH Decision Support Software
Patient Services
Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation
Pediatric Policy Council
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PKD Foundation
Ponce Health Sciences University School of Medicine
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Radiological Society of North America
Research to Prevent Blindness
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Saint Louis University
Scleroderma Foundation
Siemens Healthineers
Sjogren's Foundation

Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Advanced Body Imaging
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Women's Health Research
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