

February 11, 2013

Dear Representative:

The undersigned organizations and institutions, which represent patients, scientists, health care providers, and industry, are gravely concerned about the impact of continued cuts, including sequestration, funding shortfalls in fiscal years 2013 and 2014, and the threat of additional cuts to offset the debt ceiling, on medical research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the subsequent negative consequences for the health of all Americans.

At a time when we should be investing more in medical research, we have continued to shrink our investment to a point where we are sacrificing real opportunities for discovery of new innovations and medical advances. Declining funding also is eroding our position as the world leader in research and discovery. The NIH serves to improve the health and quality of life for all Americans and spur job creation and economic growth. There is no doubt; the impact of the proposed cut on NIH-funded research will be immediate and devastating. The Senate Budget Committee estimates that sequestration would result in a 5.1 percent reduction in FY 2013 discretionary spending. In a recent interview, NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., described the impact of sequestration as a "profound and devastating" blow at a time of unprecedented scientific opportunity. Sequestration will come at the end of a decade that has seen the NIH budget fall by nearly 20 percent after inflation, and on top of an estimated \$900 billion in spending cuts mandated by the Budget Control Act over the next ten years. The impact of sequestration would be exacerbated because it would occur in the middle of the fiscal year, forcing researchers to immediately incur drastic budget cuts and abandon potentially life-enhancing research.

The undersigned groups and institutions also are concerned that continued cuts will negatively affect job creation and seriously jeopardize America's leadership in medical research. An analysis released in April 2012 by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) notes that that biomedical research enterprise supports a significant workforce, such that, "the impact on employment and local economies will be immediate and severe." A March 2012 report from United for Medical Research estimates a 7.8 percent reduction in the NIH budget will "result in 33,000 fewer jobs across the U.S. and a \$4.5 billion decrease in economic activity." In May 2012, Research!America warned that sequestration will negatively impact U.S. competitiveness just as other nations are aggressively boosting their investments in research and development.

If we are to address the health challenges of an aging and increasingly diverse population, and remain a vibrant force in the global economy, America needs more investment in medical research, not less. We respectfully urge Congress and the Administration to work together on a solution that preserves the nation's investment in medical research and the health of the American people.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association  
AcademyHealth  
Academy of Radiology Research  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Adult Congenital Heart Association  
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Families  
The AIDS Institute  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and Montefiore Medical Center  
Alliance for Aging Research

Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Multi Sensory Environments  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
American Brain Coalition  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Radiology (ACR)  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Federation for Aging Research  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Transplantation - AST  
The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Sociological Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Tinnitus Association  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Arthritis Foundation  
Associated Medical Schools of New York (AMSNY)  
Association for Applied Psychophysiology & Biofeedback  
Association for Clinical Research Training  
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration  
Association for Patient-Oriented Research

Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Geographers  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
AVAC: Global Advocacy for HIV Prevention  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston  
Biophysical Society  
Boonshoft School of Medicine of Wright State University  
Boston University  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
BrightFocus Foundation  
Brown University  
CADASIL Together We Have Hope Non-Profit Organization  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cedars-Sinai Health System  
Central Michigan University College of Medicine  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
Child Neurology Society  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
City of Hope  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research  
Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (CAHT-BSSR)  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Coalition to Promote Research (CPR)  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
The Consortium of Academic Centers for Integrative Medicine  
Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
COPD Foundation  
Cornell University  
Council on Governmental Relations  
Creighton University  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America  
Cure Alzheimer's Fund

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative  
Duke University School of Medicine  
Emory University  
The Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation  
EPSCoR/IDeA Foundation  
Exceptional Parent  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
Foundation for Biomedical Research  
Foundation for Integrative AIDS Research (FIAR)  
Friends of NIDA  
Friends Research Institute, Inc.  
GBS/CIDP Foundation International  
Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth  
Genetics Society of America (GSA)  
The Gerontological Society of America  
Health Sciences South Carolina  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA)  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)  
International Cancer Advocacy Network (ICAN)  
International Essential Tremor Foundation  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Rectal Microbicide Advocates  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Intracranial Hypertension Research Foundation  
JDRF  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Joint Advocacy Coalition of ACRT, APOR, CRF, & SCTS  
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital  
Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lupus Research Institute  
March of Dimes  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society  
Mayo Clinic  
McLean Hospital  
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation  
Medical College of Wisconsin

Medical Library Association  
Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine  
Medicines for Malaria Venture – MMV  
Meharry Medical College  
Melanoma Research Alliance  
The Methodist Hospital System  
The MetroHealth System  
Michigan State University  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
The Mount Sinai Medical Center  
National Academy of Neuropsychology  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Area Health Education Center Organization  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
National Primate Research Centers  
National Women's Health Network  
NephCure Foundation  
Northeastern University  
NYU Langone Medical Center  
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Parkinson's Action Network  
Partners HealthCare  
Penn Medicine  
Penn State College of Medicine  
Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Project Inform  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Research!America  
The Research Institute of Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT  
Saint Louis University  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Scleroderma Foundation  
SIU School of Medicine  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology  
Society for Clinical and Translational Science  
Society for Computers in Psychology (SCiP)  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience

Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR)  
Society for Research in Psychopathology  
Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)  
Society of Biological Psychiatry  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Society of Mathematical Psychology  
Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology  
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital  
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Stony Brook University  
Stony Brook University School of Medicine  
SUNY Upstate Medical University  
Temple University School of Medicine  
Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine  
Treatment Action Group (TAG)  
Tufts Medical Center  
Tufts University  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
Tulane University  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing & Allied Health  
UNC School of Medicine  
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis  
United for Medical Research  
University at Buffalo  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine  
The University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
University of Michigan Medical School  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of New Mexico  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
University of Rochester  
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry  
University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine  
University of Tennessee  
University of Vermont College of Medicine  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

University Professors of Neurology  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vanderbilt University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wayne State University School of Medicine  
Western Michigan University School of Medicine  
Yale School of Medicine