



UMR Comments on NIH Funding in House Labor-HHS Subcommittee FY21 Funding Bill

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The following statement can be attributed to UMR President Chol Pak:

“During an especially challenging time for the health of our country, we appreciate the Labor-HHS Subcommittee approving a \$5.5 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the next fiscal year.

“We also are grateful to all members of the Appropriations Committee for considering the urgent needs of NIH during negotiations over the next COVID-19 relief package. According to NIH Director Francis Collins, it will require at least \$10 billion to restart shuttered research labs and return to pre-COVID-19 productivity. As illustrated in recent [fact sheets](#) from UMR, the pandemic is having an unprecedented impact on biomedical research – both in terms of the tremendous resources that are [focused on addressing COVID-19](#) and the [massive disruption](#) to ongoing research, life-saving clinical trials and the career paths of young researchers.

“The mission of NIH has never been greater — in fighting this pandemic and continuing critical research to fight cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, heart disease and much more. We urge Congress to again come together in a bipartisan way to provide necessary funds for this mission.”

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