

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madame Speaker:

The undersigned organizations, which represent more than XXX patient groups, scientific and medical societies, research institutions, and industry organizations, strongly urge your support for the inclusion of an additional \$1.9 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the economic recovery package currently being developed.

Recognizing the challenges facing NIH as a result of six years of funding below the rate of inflation, this proposal will provide immediate funding to support more than 5,000 additional competitively awarded research grants to help find cures for many devastating diseases.

NIH supports groundbreaking research that results in new preventive, therapeutic, and diagnostic measures to improve the health and quality of life for all Americans. In addition, these advances also contribute to the economic strength of the nation by creating skilled jobs, new products, and improved technologies. The medical schools, teaching hospitals, universities, and research institutes where this research takes place are among the largest employers in their respective communities.

According to a study released in June 2008 by Families USA, on average, in fiscal year 2007, every dollar of NIH funding generated more than twice as much in state economic output. This means an overall investment of \$22.846 billion from NIH generated a total of \$50.537 billion in new state business activity in the form of increased output of goods and services. This same study revealed that in FY 2007 NIH grants and contracts created and supported more than 350,000 jobs that generated wages in excess of \$18 billion in the 50 states. The average wage associated with the jobs created was \$52,000. We must invest now in the NIH to maximize the benefits of scientific opportunity for our nation's fiscal as well as physical health.

Since FY 2003, NIH has lost more than 14 percent of its purchasing power due to federal funding lagging behind the rate of biomedical inflation. The agency's current budget path hinders the scientific discovery that drives the search for new and better treatments and undermines the nation's leadership in medical research. Approval of the additional funding in the forthcoming economic recovery package would be an important step towards reversing NIH's current funding trend and setting it on a new course, giving patients, their families and researchers renewed hope for the future.

Sincerely,  
Academy of Radiology Research

Academic Pediatric Association  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Administrators of Internal Medicine  
AIDS Action Baltimore  
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC)  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Neurology Professional Association  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Immunologists  
The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)  
The American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
The American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Education Association (ADEA)  
American Diabetes Association  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
The American Physiological Society  
Americans for Medical Progress  
American Social Health Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
The American Society for Clinical Investigation  
The American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)  
The American Society of Clinical Oncology

American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH)  
American Sociological Association  
The American Thoracic Society  
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
Arthritis Foundation  
The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
Association for Clinical Research Training  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI)  
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
The Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers  
Association of Professors of Medicine  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of Specialty Professors  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Biophysical Society  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
Boston University Medical Campus  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Foundation  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Research  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research (CIBR)  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Coalition to Protect Research  
The College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Columbia University TeenScreen Program  
Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP)  
Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research Education and Support (CARES) Foundation,  
Inc.

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Duke University Medical Center  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Emory University  
The Endocrine Society  
Families USA Global Health Initiative  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Harlem United  
Harvard University  
The Heart Rhythm Society  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
The HIV Medicine Association  
Indiana University  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers Association  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
The International Society for Computational Biology  
Invitrogen Corporation  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Johns Hopkins Institutions  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
LA Gay & Lesbian Center  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Lupus Research Institute  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Medical Library Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)  
The National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Health Council  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Primate Research Centers  
NephCure Foundation  
Neurofibromatosis, Inc.  
New York-Presbyterian Hospital

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
The NYU School of Medicine  
The Ohio State University Medical Center  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
The Paget Foundation  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Penn State College of Medicine  
Population Association of America and the Association of Population Centers  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
The Preeclampsia Foundation  
Reed Elsevier Inc.  
Research!America  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Seattle Children's Research Institute  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Society for Adolescent Medicine  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Research in Child Development  
The Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
The Society of Toxicology  
Spina Bifida Association  
Stony Brook University Medical Center  
SUNY Upstate Medical University  
The University of Minnesota Medical School  
The University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Treatment Action Group  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Maryland, Baltimore  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
Yale School of Medicine