

The Rally for Medical Research Hill Day Message

3 major points for Rally Hill Day participants to convey

- Thank Members of Congress for providing another \$2 billion increase for the NIH in FY 2017, and for their continued efforts to make funding medical research a national priority.
- Urge Congress to continue the momentum of robust, sustained, and predictable funding by providing a \$2 billion increase for the NIH in FY 2018, for a total funding level of \$36 billion.
- Ask Members of Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to reach a bicameral budget agreement for FY 2018 and beyond that lifts the caps on non-defense discretionary spending imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011. Avoiding sequestration is the only way to achieve long-term, real growth for the NIH.