The Rally for Medical Research Hill Day Message

Major points for Rally Hill Day participants to convey:

- Thank Members of Congress for providing a $2 billion increase for the NIH in FY 2019, and for passing the Labor-HHS-Education bill on time. We are grateful for Congress members’ continued efforts to make funding medical research a national priority.

- For House offices, thank members for including $41.1 billion (a $2 billion increase) for NIH in the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that passed the House this spring.

- Urge Congress to continue the momentum of robust, sustained, and predictable funding by providing at least $41.6 billion (a $2.5 billion increase) for the NIH in FY 2020. We are grateful for the House-proposed increase; however, as a community we believe that NIH needs at least $41.6 billion to support the opportunities for life-saving medical research that we have today.

- Urge Members of Congress to work in a bipartisan way to complete the FY 2020 appropriations process in a timely manner. Continuing resolutions are disruptive to the medical research system, introduce uncertainty into the process, and impose unnecessary delays on the pathway to cures.