

## The Rally for Medical Research Hill Day Message

### Major points for Rally Hill Day participants to convey:

- Thank Members of Congress for providing five straight years of robust funding increases for the NIH, including an increase of \$2.6 billion in FY 2020, and for recognizing NIH is playing a vital role in the COVID-19 response. We are grateful for Congress members' sustained efforts to make funding medical research a national priority, and we ask them to continue this momentum in FY 2021.
- Urge Congress to provide the NIH with at least \$44.7 billion (a \$3 billion increase) to the base budget in FY 2021. This funding is essential to support the opportunities for life-saving medical research that we have today and maintain momentum from previous investments.
- Urge Congress to exempt NIH from the highly restrictive FY 2021 budget caps to allow the lifesaving agency to forcefully respond to the COVID-19 health crisis, as well as to support the science that is necessary to improve and save lives from the myriad of other diseases faced by Americans and by people all over the world.
- Urge Congress to provide at least \$15.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for NIH in the next COVID-19 relief package to support the wide range of medical research that has been stalled or lost due to the pandemic, as well as ongoing research on COVID-19 itself.