WE URGE CONGRESS TO:
• Provide the NIH with an increase of at least $3 billion for FY 2021, for a total funding level of at least $44.7 billion.
• Exempt NIH from the highly restrictive FY 2021 budget caps to allow the lifesaving agency to forcefully respond to the COVID-19 health crisis while supporting research on hundreds of other diseases.
• Provide at least $15.5 billion in emergency supplemental funding for NIH in the next COVID-19 relief package to support research impacted by the pandemic, as well as ongoing research on COVID-19 itself.

Over 95% of the NIH budget goes directly to research awards, programs, and centers; training programs; and research and development contracts.

NIH funds scientists across the country. Each year, NIH awards more than 52,000 research and training grants. These support:
• Approximately 300,000 researchers;
• At more than 2,700 universities & organizations;
• In every state.

NIH funding contributed to every one of the 210 new drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) between 2010 and 2016, including 84 first-in-class products to treat a wide range of diseases.

Sources: NIH; Cleary et al., PNAS 2018

THE HEALTH OF AMERICANS
Americans are living longer, healthier lives
Between 1969 and 2018, the death rate in the U.S. for all causes decreased by 43.5%.

However, due to demographic changes, additional investments in NIH are required to reduce the toll that disease will take on all Americans. Recent projections show that:
• By 2035, 45% of the U.S. population will live with the ravages of cardiovascular disease, including heart attack and stroke, at an annual cost of more than $1 trillion.
• By 2050, 14 million Americans will be living with Alzheimer’s disease, more than twice the number today.
• By 2040, the number of new cancer cases diagnosed annually in the U.S. will increase by 32% to 2.3 million

Sources: NIH, CDC, American Heart Association, and American Association for Cancer Research

THE HEALTH OF OUR ECONOMY
NIH funding supports 21st century jobs
In FY 2019 alone, NIH funding directly and indirectly supported nearly 476,000 jobs nationwide.
NIH research supports at least 10,000 jobs in 13 different states.

Billions of dollars are added to the U.S. economy
In FY 2019, NIH-funded research contributed over $81 billion in new economic activity. Twenty-one states saw an economic gain of $1 billion or more. The $2 billion funding increase for FY 2019 resulted in a nationwide economic gain of over $7 billion compared to FY 2018.

Source: United For Medical Research

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