

July 15, 2003

Dear President Bush and Members of Congress:

Proposed funding levels threaten medical research progress.
We urge the House and Senate to add more money for the National Institutes of Health.
Make saving lives and improving our nation's health a top funding priority.

Sincerely, More than 500 Health Organizations

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AARP
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American Association for Cancer Research
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American Association of Anatomists
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American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
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American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Medical Genetics
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American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Surgeons
American Dental Association
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Association of Anesthesiologists
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
The Association of Cleveland Physiologists
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical School Microbiology/Immunology Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Professors of Dermatology
The Association of Professors of Medicine
Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine
Association of Subspecialty Professors
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Athena Diagnostics
Aurora Economic Development Council
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Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
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Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
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National Pharmaceutical Council
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National Stroke Association
Nebraskans for Research
Neurofibromatosis, Inc., New England
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association
New Jersey Dental School
New York Medical College
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New York University College of Dentistry
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Northwest Association for Biomedical Research
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The Ohio State University
The Ohio State University School of Public Health
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation
Oral Health America
Oregon Health & Science University
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Tourette Syndrome Association
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UCLA-School of Public Health
United Ostomy Association
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of California, Davis-School of Medicine
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California San Francisco
Asian American Clinic
University of California San Francisco School of Nursing
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of California, Systemwide
University of California-Berkeley, School of Public Health
University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
University of Cincinnati Medical Center
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Nursing
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University of Florida College of Medicine
University of Georgia
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing
University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
University of Iowa
University of Iowa College of Dentistry
University of Iowa College of Public Health
The University of Kansas
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Kansas School of Nursing
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University of Michigan School of Dentistry
University of Michigan School of Public Health
University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
University of Minnesota School of Public Health
University of Mississippi Medical Center
University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing
University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry
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University of Nebraska College of Dentistry
University of Nebraska Medical Center
University of Nevada
University of Nevada-Reno, School of Medicine
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University of North Texas Health Science Center
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University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
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University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
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University of Southern California School of Dentistry
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Drexel University
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Duke University Medical Center
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East Tennessee State University
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Emory University School of Medicine
Emory University-Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing
The Endocrine Society
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The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological & Cognitive Sciences
Federation of State Medical Boards
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Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority
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Florida State University
The Forsyth Institute
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National Alliance for Autism Research
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
The National Alliance for Hispanic Health
National Alliance for Research in Schizophrenia and Depression
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Asian Women's Health Organization
National Association of State Universities & Land-Grant Colleges
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs
National Coalition for Cancer Research
National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research
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Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Partnership for Prevention
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