

The Honorable Susan Collins, Chair
The Honorable Patty Murray, Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Collins, Vice Chairwoman Murray, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of 50 patient advocacy, research, medical, clinical, and other professional organizations, we write to thank you for your leadership in supporting \$47.2B in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and \$1.5B for ARPA-H in the Senate FY 2026 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill.

Your bipartisan support is essential to ensuring the NIH maintains its status as a global leader in biomedical and behavioral research. We are appreciative of your commitment to:

- A \$301 million increase in new discretionary spending
- A deliberate process for considering the best organization of the NIH
- Timely access to grant funds, and
- Transparency around research awards and terminations

The NIH has made extraordinary progress delivering lifesaving advances and the agency's activities and achievements make it uniquely poised to implement the Administration's critical healthcare priorities. Reductions to the NIH budget and changes to its structure without thoughtful deliberation, expert and public stakeholder input, and Congressional direction would jeopardize the decades of progress that have transformed our nation's healthcare system.

We are thankful for your continued leadership and advocacy for the NIH.

Should you have any questions, please contact Krysta Jones, Director, Congressional and Federal Relations at the American Psychological Association, at knjones@apa.org.

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