We Urge Members of Congress to provide robust, sustained and predictable funding increases for NIH in FY 2017 and beyond. Specifically, we call on Congress to finish the work begun last year and provide a $2 billion increase for NIH in a final FY 2017 Appropriations Bill this spring.

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 57,000 research and training grants. These support:
- approximately 300,000 researchers;
- at more than 2,500 universities & organizations;
- in every state.

Source: NIH Office of Budget

In 2010, only 3 percent of independent R01-supported investigators were under the age of 36. In 1983, that number was 18 percent.

Source: NIH

Cancer Research Has Bipartisan Support

We thank Members of Congress for passing the 21st Century Cures Act in December 2016, which includes $1.8 billion over seven years for the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot.

We are grateful that Congress provided the initial $300 million in FY 2017 for the Moonshot as a part of the Continuing Resolution passed in December.

We urge Congress to ensure that this funding supplements, not supplants, regular NIH funding increases through the regular appropriations process.

Americans Are Reaping the Benefits

NIH funding supports 21st century jobs
In 2016 alone, NIH funding directly and indirectly supported 379,471 jobs nationwide. In fact, NIH research supports at least 10,000+ jobs in 13 different states.

Billions of dollars are added to the U.S. economy
In 2016, NIH funding and jobs generated by that funding produced $64.799 billion in new economic activity compared to $60.717 billion in 2015. A $2 billion funding increase for NIH approved by Congress in FY 2016 resulted in a nationwide economic gain of more than $4 billion compared to 2015. Nineteen states saw an economic gain of $1 billion or more.

Source: United For Medical Research