



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairwoman Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Ranking Member Murray:

The 35 undersigned medical school and patient, provider, and research organizations that are members of the Friends of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) recommend at least **\$51.303 billion for the National Institutes of Health for fiscal year (FY) 2027**, an 8.7% increase over the FY 2026 funding level, which would allow for the NIH's base budget to keep pace with the biomedical research and development price index and allow meaningful growth. **We also recommend a proportionate increase for the NIDDK of at least \$217.8 million for a total of \$2.746.5 billion in FY 2027.** This funding is critical for NIDDK to fulfill its mission to conduct and support medical research, research training, and to disseminate science-based information.

We thank you for your leadership in FY 2026 to increase federal investment in NIH **and reject proposals to increase multi-year grant funding and cap facilities and administrative costs, and structural changes**, which would destabilize institutional budgets and jeopardize ongoing research programs. We urge you to continue to reject these policies in the FY 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

NIDDK supports and conducts research to combat a portfolio of diseases that encompass some of the most common, consequential, and costly diseases affecting people in this country. Recent examples of NIDDK-supported research highlights the impact of NIDDK to improve people's health and quality of life (more thorough descriptions are in NIDDK's [*Recent Advances & Emerging Opportunities*](#)):

Endocrinology & Metabolism - Research on an immune-targeting drug has delayed type 1 diabetes progression in high-risk individuals for at least 3 years, new predictive models were developed and tested that could help health providers diagnose young people with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and new type 2 diabetes drugs that provide cardiovascular health benefits in people with diabetes were developed.

Digestive Diseases & Nutrition - Research has led to understanding of the gut microbiome, how certain diets cause changes in immune function, discovery of a more effective way to prevent pancreatitis, and new therapies for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis.

Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases – Researchers have gained new knowledge about human blood, identified a new approach that may help people with genetic variants that cause certain kidney diseases to assess their risk of progressing to chronic kidney disease, and identified molecular pathways that affect complications from urinary tract infections.

We urge you to support the NIH with a \$4.1 billion increase for FY 2027 with a proportionate increase of \$217.8 million for NIDDK to ensure we lead the world in providing new and better cures, diagnostics, and treatments. We also urge you to continue to protect the NIH from policies and structural changes that will undermine research, scientific priorities, and organization of the agency that funds research discoveries that save lives, strengthen our nation's health and economic competitiveness.

Sincerely,

Alpha-1 Foundation

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

American Diabetes Association

American Gastroenterological Association

American Kidney Fund

American Liver Foundation

American Nephrology Nurses Association

American Psychological Association Services

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

American Society for Nutrition

American Society of Hematology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association (AUA)
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Beyond Celiac
Breakthrough T1D
Celiac Disease Foundation
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Endocrine Society
Interstitial Cystitis Association
National Kidney Foundation
NephCure
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
Organic Acidemia Association
Prevent Blindness
Sleep Research Society
Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA)
The National Pancreas Foundation
The Obesity Society
United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc.