

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Russell Vought
Office of Management & Budget
725 17th Street NW
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Director Vought:

We write to ask you to fully implement the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act*, including funds appropriated for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The continuing resolution supports NIH initiatives across a range of critical research areas—cancer, cardiovascular disease, rare pediatric disorders, and more. These vital efforts are not only necessary to Make America Healthy Again, but also have a direct impact on American families, biomedical innovation, our economy, and competing with Communist China.

We are concerned by the slow disbursement rate of FY25 NIH funds, as it risks undermining critical research and the thousands of American jobs it supports. Suspension of these appropriated funds — whether formally withheld or functionally delayed — could threaten Americans' ability to access better treatments and limit our nation's leadership in biomedical science. It also risks inadvertently severing ongoing NIH-funded research prior to actionable results.

We share your commitment to ensuring NIH funds are used responsibly and not diverted to ideological or unaccountable programs. We are confident Secretary Kennedy and Director Bhattacharya are well positioned to uphold gold standard research by ensuring that NIH awards are grounded in transparency, scientific merit, and a clear alignment with national interests. Our shared goal is to restore public trust in the NIH precisely because its work is focused on results, accountability, and real-world impact. Withholding or suspending these funds would jeopardize that trust and hinder progress on critical health challenges facing our nation. Ultimately, this is about finding cures and seeing them through to fruition.

We respectfully request that you ensure the timely release of all FY25 NIH appropriations in accordance with congressional intent. Doing so will ensure continued momentum in curing disease, supporting American innovation, and delivering results for hardworking families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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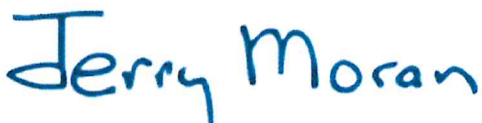
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