

August 29, 2003

The Honorable Bill Frist  
United States Senate  
461 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-4205

Dear Senator Frist:

The undersigned organizations strongly urge you to vote in support of the Specter/Harkin/Feinstein amendment to S.1356 to increase by \$1.5 billion the funds to be appropriated for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in FY 2004.

On behalf of millions of Americans who today are living longer and more productive lives as a result of past investments in medical research, we extend our sincere gratitude for the support Congress has afforded NIH. They are living testaments that medical research means less pain and suffering and an improved quality of life. For society as a whole, the fruits of medical research have helped lessen the burden of health care costs and fuel economic growth, increased productivity, and job creation.

But with only minimal budget increases proposed for fiscal year 2004 – less than 4 percent under S. 1356, as reported by the Appropriations Committee and even less under the House-passed bill – ongoing research will be stalled and pathways of discovery will not be explored. At a time when the nation is confronted with serious health challenges ranging from chronic diseases like cancer, heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's, to West Nile virus, SARS and the ever-present threat of bioterrorism, we cannot afford to lessen our commitment to medical research.

The Specter-Harkin-Feinstein amendment provides a 9.2 percent increase over the FY 2003 appropriation for NIH, enough to support ongoing research into the underlying cause of disease; translate new knowledge into life-saving treatments; and seek solutions to new and emerging threats to America's health.

Given what is at stake, we strongly urge you to vote in support of the Specter-Harkin-Feinstein amendment to the FY 2004 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

AAALAC International  
AARP  
Academic Health Centers' Clinical Research Forum  
Academy of Radiology Research  
AcademyHealth  
Acadia Pharmaceuticals  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding  
Administrators of Internal Medicine  
Advanced Medical Technology Association  
Advancement of Social Work Research  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Lupus Research  
Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
America's Blood Centers  
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
American Association for Vascular Surgery  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Blood Banks  
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association  
American Cancer Society  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Chest Surgeons  
American College of Medical Genetics  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Radiology Association  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Federation for Aging Research  
American Foundation for Urologic Disease  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Association  
American Neurological Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Peptide Society  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Psychological Society  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
American Society for Clinical Nutrition  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
The American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutritional Sciences  
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology  
American Society for Virology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Hypertension, Inc.  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Sociological Association  
American Stroke Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Tinnitus Association  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association  
Americans for Medical Progress  
Amgen, Inc.  
The Arc of the United States  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association of Anatomy, Cell Biology & Neurobiology Chairpersons  
Association for Medical School Pharmacology  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of Academic Health Science Libraries  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Physicians  
Association of American Universities  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Anesthesiology Program Directors  
Association of Black Cardiologists

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 Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Medical School Microbiology and Immunology Chairs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Professors of Dermatology  
Association of Professors of Medicine  
Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of Subspecialty Professors  
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Athena Diagnostics  
Aurora Economic Development Council  
Avalon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Aventis Pharmaceuticals  
Battelle  
Baylor College of Dentistry  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Baylor College of Medicine-Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences  
The Biophysical Society  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
The Blood Center of SE Wisconsin  
Boston Biomedical Research Institute  
Boston Cure Project  
Boston University School of Dental Medicine  
Boston University School of Public Health  
Boys Town National Research Hospital  
Breast Cancer Resource Committee, Inc.  
Breast Health Institute  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute  
Brown Medical School  
Buck Institute for Age Research  
Burns & Allen Research Institute  
Burroughs Wellcome Fund  
California Biomedical Research Association  
California Institute of Technology  
Campaign for Medical Research  
Cancer Awareness Program Services, Inc.  
Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation  
Cancer Research Fund of the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Foundation  
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation  
CaPCURE  
CARES Foundation, Inc.  
Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Cedars-Sinai Health System  
The Center for Blood Research  
Center for the Advancement of Health  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
Charles River Laboratories  
The Children's Hospital Foundation Research Institute  
Children's Research Institute  
Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation  
Citizens for Public Action on Blood Pressure and Cholesterol, Inc.  
City of Hope  
Cleft Palate Foundation  
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
Coalition for Blood Disease and Blood Safety Research  
Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Research  
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
Colon Cancer Alliance  
Colorado Biotechnology Association  
Colorado State University  
Colorectal Cancer Network  
Columbia University  
Columbia University Health Sciences  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
Columbia University School of Dental & Oral Surgery  
Compliant  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Connecticut United for Research Excellence  
Conquer Fragile X Foundation  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Coriell Institute for Medical Research  
Council of Scientific Society Presidents  
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Dartmouth Medical School  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
DES Action USA  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Drexel University  
Drexel University College of Medicine  
Duke University Medical Center  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Tennessee State University  
Easter Seals  
Eli Lilly and Company

Emory University Rollins School of Public Health  
Emory University School of Medicine  
Emory University-Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing  
The Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Eyes On The Prize: Support and Information for Gynecologic Cancer Survivors  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
The Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences  
Federation of State Medical Boards  
Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University  
Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School  
First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance  
Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority  
Florida Atlantic University Division of Research  
Florida State University  
The Forsyth Institute  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Friends of the National Library of Medicine  
Friends Research Institute, Inc.  
The Genetic Alliance  
The Genome Action Coalition (TGAC)  
Genzyme Corporation  
The George Washington University Medical Center  
Georgetown University Medical Center  
The Gerontological Society of America  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Global Health Council  
Gluten Intolerance Group  
GMP Companies, Inc.  
The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
Guillain Barré Syndrome Foundation International  
Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America  
Harbor-UCLA Research and Education Institute  
Harvard Medical School  
Harvard Medical School-Massachusetts General Hospital  
Harvard University School of Dental Medicine  
Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hepatitis Foundation of America  
Hereditary Disease Foundation  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
Howard University College of Medicine  
Human Genome Sciences, Inc.  
IBM Life Sciences Division  
Illinois State University  
Immune Deficiency Foundation

ImmunoGen, Inc.  
Indiana University, School of Dentistry  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus  
International Foundation for Anticancer Drug Discovery  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Myeloma Foundation  
International Rett Syndrome Association  
International Society for Computational Biology  
Iris Alliance Fund  
The J. David Gladstone Institutes  
The Jackson Laboratory  
The Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Johnson & Johnson  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International  
Keck School of Medicine  
Kennedy Krieger Institute  
Keystone Symposia on Molecular & Cellular Biology  
Kidney Cancer Association  
La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology  
LA Orthopaedic Hospital  
Lance Armstrong Foundation  
Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute  
Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine  
LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans  
Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of Colorado, Inc.  
Lymphatic Research Foundation  
Lymphoma Research Foundation  
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation  
Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation  
Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.  
Masonic Medical Research Laboratory  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Maternity Center Association  
Mayo Foundation  
McLaughlin Research Institute  
Medical Alley  
Medical and Health Research Association of NYC  
Medical College of Georgia  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
The Medical Foundation, Inc.  
Medical Library Association  
Medical University of South Carolina

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry  
Meharry Medical College School of Medicine  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
Mended Hearts, Inc.  
Men's Health Network  
Mercer University School of Medicine  
Metro Denver Network, Chamber of Commerce  
Miami Children's Hospital  
Michigan Society for Medical Research  
Midwest Nursing Research Society  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mount Sinai Medical Center  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine-Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association  
NASPE/Heart Rhythm Society  
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 for Biomedical Research  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Universities & Land-Grant Colleges  
National Black Caucus of State Legislators  
National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
National Center for Learning Disabilities  
National Coalition for Cancer Research  
National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research  
National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases  
National Committee for Quality Health Care  
National Emphysema/COPD Association  
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias  
National Health Council  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Jewish Medical and Research Center  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Melanoma Foundation  
National MPS Society  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
National Perinatal Association  
National Pharmaceutical Council  
National Primate Research Centers Directors  
National Prostate Cancer Coalition  
National Sleep Foundation  
National Society of Genetic Counselors  
National Stroke Association

Nebraskans for Research  
NephCure Foundation  
Neurofibromatosis, Inc., New England  
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research  
New Jersey Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association  
New Jersey Dental School  
New York Medical College  
New York Presbyterian Hospital  
New York University College of Dentistry  
New York University School of Medicine  
NHLBI Constituency Group  
North American Brain Tumor Coalition  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research  
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine  
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research  
Northwestern University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
Ohio Scientific Education & Research Association  
The Ohio State University  
The Ohio State University School of Public Health  
Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation  
Oral Health America  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry  
Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing  
Oregon Research Institute  
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Oxford Bioscience Partners  
The Paget Foundation  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
The Parkinson Alliance  
Parkinson's Action Network  
Parkinson's Disease Foundation  
The Parkinson's Unity Walk  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition  
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine  
Population Association of America  
Presbyterian Health Foundation  
Protarga, Inc.  
The Protein Society  
Public Health Foundation  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Purdue Pharma, L.P.  
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Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene  
Research!America  
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association  
Rice University  
The Rockefeller University  
Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center  
Saint Louis University School of Medicine  
The Salk Institute for Biological Studies  
Schepens Eye Research Institute  
The Scientist  
Scleroderma Research Foundation  
Sisters Network Inc.  
Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, Inc.  
The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute  
Society for Gynecologic Investigation  
The Society for Investigative Dermatology  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education, Inc.  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Society for the Study of Reproduction  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Toxicology  
South Alabama Medical Science Foundation  
South Dakota EPSCoR  
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine  
Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research  
Spina Bifida Association of America  
St. Louis University School of Public Health  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
State University of New York at Buffalo  
State University of New York at Stony Brook  
State University of New York HSC, Brooklyn  
State University of New York Upstate Medical University  
Strategic Health Policy International, Inc.  
Student National Medical Association  
Targacept, Inc.  
Temple University School of Dentistry  
Texas A&M University System HSC College of Medicine  
Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation  
Tissue Engineering Society International  
Tourette Syndrome Association  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine  
Tulane University Health Sciences Center  
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 Dentistry  
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 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  
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy  
University of Colorado System  
University of Connecticut Health Center  
University of Florida College of Dentistry  
University of Florida College of Health Professions  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
University of Florida College of Nursing  
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  
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University of Iowa College of Dentistry  
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The University of Kansas  
University of Kansas Medical Center  
University of Kansas School of Nursing  
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry  
University of Louisville  
University of Louisville School of Dentistry  
University of Maryland at Baltimore  
University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Nursing  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan Health System  
University of Michigan Medical School  
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 Dentistry  
University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Nursing  
University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry  
University of Montana School of Pharmacy & Allied Health Sciences  
University of Nebraska College of Dentistry  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Nevada  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dentistry  
University of Nevada-Reno, School of Medicine  
University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Medicine  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Public Health  
University of North Dakota  
University of North Texas Health Science Center  
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry  
The University of Oklahoma Health Science Center  
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing  
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health  
University of Pittsburgh School of Dentistry  
University of Pittsburgh School of Health Sciences  
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry  
University of Rochester School of Nursing  
University of South Carolina, School of Medicine  
University of South Carolina, School of Public Health  
University of South Florida College of Nursing  
University of South Florida Office of Research  
University of Southern California School of Dentistry  
University of Southern California School of Pharmacy  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
University of Utah Health Sciences Center  
University of Vermont College of Medicine  
University of Washington Academic Medical Center  
University of Washington School of Dentistry  
University of Washington School of Nursing  
University of Washington School of Public Health  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing  
Us Too! International  
Van Andel Research Institute  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
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Virginia Commonwealth University  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis  
Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
West Harlem Environmental Action  
West Virginia University Health Sciences Center  
West Virginia University School of Dentistry  
The Whitaker Foundation  
Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research  
Wisconsin Association for Biomedical Research & Education  
The Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology  
Wright State University School of Medicine  
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals  
Yale University School of Medicine  
Yale University School of Nursing  
Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization