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Ad Hoc Group Statement on House Passage of FY 22 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

July 29, 2021 – The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to House passage of H.R. 4502, which includes fiscal year (FY) 2022 funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research applauds the House of Representatives for continuing its steadfast commitment to medical research by approving a significant boost for the NIH in FY 2022. The \$49 billion provided in the House bill for the NIH overall, including more than \$46 billion for the agency's core funding, recognizes the need to increase research across disease areas through sustained, robust funding growth for the NIH. We also appreciate that the House-approved bill would fund the president's proposed new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health with an investment that supplements, rather than supplants, the NIH's base budget.

We are grateful to House Appropriations Committee leadership for the emphasis they continue to place on medical research, as demonstrated in the House-approved bill by a seventh year of above-inflation growth to help the agency recover from a decade and a half of lost purchasing power. The Ad Hoc Group urges the Senate to work quickly to develop a bipartisan FY 2022 Labor-HHS spending bill that provides a robust investment in the NIH's base budget. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with both chambers toward timely enactment of a final spending bill that maximizes the investment in the NIH and the medical miracles that it yields."

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The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 400 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.