

September 19, 2022

The Hon. Patrick Leahy
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Senate Committee on Appropriations
Room S-146A, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Hon. Rosa DeLauro
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House Committee on Appropriations
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The Hon. Kay Granger
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Dear Chair Leahy, Chair DeLauro, Vice Chairman Shelby, and Ranking Member Granger:

Thank you for your leadership in allocating resources needed to advance the health, wellbeing, and security of all Americans. As in previous years, however, it does not appear that Congress plans to complete its work on FY23 appropriations legislation by the start of the fiscal year on October 1, 2022. We urge you to do all you can to change that trajectory by completing action on appropriations legislation at the start of the fiscal year rather than months into it. This step is critical to fulfilling the vision of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, out-innovating COVID and future pandemics, and seeding public-private sector success in combating deadly and debilitating health threats.

We understand that finalizing FY23 appropriations legislation can be particularly challenging in an election year. That said, Americans need champions who will assure that, despite challenges, Congress and the Administration commit to concluding the FY23 appropriations process on schedule. Achieving this goal will enable a smooth transition between fiscal years and avoid the costly inefficiency and wasted time that results from stop-gap funding measures. It will also avoid locking in federal agency spending from the previous fiscal year, which postpones our nation's ability to address evolving needs and priorities. Our nation needs this flexibility to respond to pressing new challenges rather than being forced to plan for future threats and opportunities using last year's funding landscape.

Our country reaps a strong return on our investment in our federal research agencies. Medical and health research produces life-changing developments such as antibiotics, vaccines, magnetic imaging, and immunotherapy. The research that NIH funds delivers health and economic benefits that multiply over time and far exceed our initial investment. The steadfast commitment of federal policymakers from both sides of the aisle to rebuild the NIH budget over the past decade is helping to restore our nation's place at the forefront of medical progress, a trend we hope to see continue. Freezing NIH in time as the threat of new infectious diseases grow is a dangerous mistake for our nation and a tragic mistake for patients.

The research and development facilitated by the NSF is another example of a successful investment. The NSF is a key engine for our nation's R&D leadership, supporting strategically

important research at more than 1,800 academic institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple U.S. territories. NSF-funded research is the basis of core industries like IT and biopharmaceuticals. It contributes to efforts to thwart bad actors in cyber- and other forms of terrorism, and it advances our nation's interests in countless other ways.

Our nation's timely investment in research and innovation is critical to our future. We are grateful for your role, and that of your staff, in advancing the wellbeing of all Americans. In that same spirit, please exert your leadership to complete FY23 appropriations as soon as possible before the end of FY22.

Thank you for all your hard work and please call on us if we can be helpful to you or your staff moving forward.

Sincerely,

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