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Dear Academy Supporter,

As follow up to the memo we sent out regarding the cuts to Facilities and Administration Cost on Feb. 8th here, we have some additional information that may be helpful. As such, here are some resources pulled together by AAU. We expect more updates and information to come. A guide and template on how to connect with your Member of Congress can be found below.

Please note that a lawsuit has been filed, which you can view here. As a result of the lawsuit, a federal judge ordered a nationwide, temporary pause on NIH's ability to drastically cut F&A. You can read more about it here. We will continue to monitor the court proceedings.

A new estimate by James S. Murphy, Deputy Director of Higher Education Policy at Education Reform Now shows how much each state stands to lose as a result of the new NIH funding cap. Murphy analyzed all 65,073 grants that NIH funded in 2024. Here's the full list.

AAU Resources (AAU homepage)

- F&A Costs of Research Advocacy One-Pager
- Costs of Federally Sponsored Research Infographic
- F&A Costs Explainer Video
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Backgrounders:
  - Breaking Down the Costs of Federal Research at Universities
  - Comparing Foundations to Federal Government Research Support

Other Association Resources

- COGR Resources
- AAMC website
  - "The Hidden and Vital Costs of Doing Science," *AAMC*, May 30, 2017
- APLU F&A website

Other Useful Links

- Testimony from October 24, 2017 LHHS Appropriations Hearing on "The Role of Facilities and Administrative Costs in Supporting NIH-Funded Research"

Statements

- AAU statement

- APLU statement
- AAMC statement
- ACE statement
- NACUBO statement
- Research!America statement

Congressional Reactions

- Sen. Susan Collin (R-ME)
- Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA); full statement
- Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)
- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
- Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL)

What Can You Do?

Congress needs to hear from you on how this arbitrary cut to indirect costs impacts NIH research, patients, and the advancement of our biomedical research knowledge.

You can contact your members of Congress today to illustrate that cuts to indirect costs will have a significant impact. Please illustrate the direct impact to you, your department and your institution in your message.

The Academy has an action alert page on our website. You can go here and send an email from this system directly to your elected officials or use the sample letter (below) to personalize and send directly to your contacts on Capitol Hill.

Subject line: **Stop the Cuts to Facilities and Administration Costs**

As a scientific imaging researcher and a constituent, I am contacting you today to urge you to work with your colleagues and the Administration to put a quick end to the arbitrary caps on the indirect cost rate for research funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The government's support of facilities and administrative costs allows medical research to happen. These real and documented research expenses include physical lab operations and maintenance, security, data processing and storage, and daily operations of critical research infrastructure. Make no mistake. This announcement will mean less research. Lights in labs nationwide will literally go out. Researchers and staff will lose their jobs.

PLEASE INSERT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN YOUR LAB, DEPARTMENT OR INSTITUTION.

Support for the research enterprise allows colleges and universities to maintain the cutting-edge laboratories and advanced technologies needed to stay ahead of foreign competitors and deliver pioneering discoveries that benefit the health and well-being of all Americans.

Through NIH, the federal government plays an irreplaceable role in supporting biomedical research that is inherently inefficient for industry to conduct but is essential to inform our fundamental understanding of medicine. More than 80 percent of the NIH's budget supports research in all 50 states and D.C., as well as U.S.

territories, at medical schools, teaching hospitals, universities, and research institutes, which often are among the largest employers in their respective communities.

Biomedical imaging, and more broadly the work funded by NIH, plays a critical role in understanding and treating patients. I encourage you to work with your colleagues to continue our nation's leadership in the scientific enterprise. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

If you have additional questions about this issue, please sign up for our updates and also check back to our main webpage for additional memos. You can also reach out to Lynn Marquis at LMarquis@acadrad.org.

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Warmest regards,

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