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Dear Academy Members,

Earlier this week, I shared a leaked document that indicates that the president's Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget could propose slashing the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) budget by $41 billion.

This draft from the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposes cutting NIH's budget by approximately 44% ($20 billion.) Additionally, the draft budget would collapse 27 NIH institutes and centers into eight, with several institutes and centers eliminated entirely.

Points to Note:

- The president's budget may differ from the OMB proposal. The advocacy community does not anticipate major changes, but this is an unknown.

- The president's budget itself is a "proposal" and is typically considered dead-on-arrival. Concern for this specific budget is high due to the lack of historically strong members who supported NIH despite suggested cuts during the first Trump Administration; many of these NIH champions are no longer serving in Congress. Additionally, we are seeing that there is not significant movement against the administration's aims towards NIH.

- There are many steps in the budget funding process. Congress will determine how much funding each of the 12 appropriations subcommittees will

receive. The subcommittees will work on their own respective bills. At the end of the day, we can also end up with another Continuing Resolution (CR).

How will NIH pan out through all of this? It's simply too early to know. We don't know what funding level the House or Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Committee will be allotted. We don't know how differently the House and Senate will fund NIH. The good news is that in general we believe there is still bipartisan support for the NIH on the Hill.

The Academy has held over 100 Congressional meetings. We are working closely with advocacy coalitions, our contacts within federal agencies and on Capitol Hill, and will continue to disseminate information to our supporting members. We have tools available for you to utilize to reach out to your elected members as a constituent. Do not hesitate to reach out for guidance. Remember, your stories matter as voting constituents, and you can and should share them.

Our goal is to continue to educate members of Congress about imaging and its impact while simultaneously and more broadly supporting coalitions encouraging Congress to work in a bipartisan, bicameral manner with our community to strengthen the workings of our health agencies so they can best care for patients.

To note, The Senate Appropriations Committee will hold the first in a two-part, bipartisan hearing series titled "Biomedical Research: Keeping America's Edge in Innovation," led by Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) and Vice Chair Patty Murray (D-WA). The first hearing, scheduled for **Wednesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. ET,** will feature testimony from researchers and other stakeholders. A second hearing, date TBD, will include administration officials. Watch the first hearing here.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you become aware of any communications, acquisition, marketing positions please feel welcome to send those advertisements to me at the Academy. We are forwarding all professional opportunities we are aware of to the NIH staff who were RIF'd in these areas last week.

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