

The Academy Applauds the Passage of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill

The [Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research](#) (the Academy) commends leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees for prioritizing medical research funding in the FY 2026 spending bill.

By reaching a bipartisan, bicameral agreement to increase National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding, Congress has affirmed that investing in the NIH and the health of the American people remains a strong national priority. Sustained NIH investment advances patient care, drives scientific discovery, fuels economic growth, and secures U.S. leadership in research and emerging technologies, while supporting local economies in nearly every congressional district.

We greatly appreciate that the bill funds all of NIH's existing institutes and centers, preserves support for critical research infrastructure, avoids arbitrary restrictions on specific types of research, and establishes parameters for potentially frontloading research awards, helping to prevent disruptions to critical research and avoid further declines in the number of grantees.

While more work remains, scientific opportunity abounds. We are grateful to Congress for its tireless work in FY 2026 and stand ready to work with lawmakers and the Administration to ensure the investment in FY 2027 and beyond meets that opportunity.

We are also thankful that the Administration supported this bill, and we call on them to ensure the spirit and letter of this law is respected, and the funding appropriated is apportioned and spent by the agency as directed by Congress.