



July 28, 2025

The Honorable Katie Britt
United States Senator
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Britt:

On behalf of United for Medical Research (UMR), a coalition of America's leading research institutions, private industry, and patient advocates, we want to thank you for your July 24 letter to OMB Director Russell Vought requesting timely release of all FY'25 National Institutes of Health (NIH) appropriations in accordance with congressional intent.

As you so accurately described, withholding or suspending FY'25 NIH funds for medical research would hinder progress on critical health challenges facing our nation.

NIH sits at the center of America's vaunted biomedical innovation ecosystem, facilitating and conducting research, training the next generation of biomedical innovators, fueling critical U.S. industries, and supporting our national security. Medical breakthroughs constitute the ripple effect of NIH research funding – cumulative knowledge built over time, leading to discoveries and innovations that save and improve lives, strengthen our economy, and bolster our global standing.

Not only is NIH-driven research improving and saving lives in every community, but it is also an undeniable local economic engine. According to UMR's FY'24 analysis, NIH funding to researchers in all 50 states and the District of Columbia directly and indirectly supported 407,782 jobs and produced \$94.58 billion in new economic activity nationwide – or \$2.56 of economic activity for every \$1 of research funding. In Alabama alone, NIH research funding last year supported 4,411 jobs and generated \$916 million in economic activity.

Thank you again for your leadership in pushing for full implementation of FY'25 NIH appropriations. A strong and sustainable NIH means curing diseases, maintaining America's global leadership in biomedical research, and driving economic activity in every state. Your voice is vital to ensuring that medical research remains a critical national priority.

Sincerely,

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President, United for Medical Research

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