

December 11, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Capito, Ranking Member Baldwin, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The undersigned organizations thank you for your leadership and hard work as the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) appropriations process continues. As you work to finalize FY26 funding levels for the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill, we respectfully urge you to provide at least \$1.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) in a manner that supplements, rather than supplants, funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other health-related agencies within the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill.

Congress established ARPA-H in 2022 to complement NIH's pivotal role by focusing on projects that fall outside the realm of current public and private funding streams. These projects, which focus on high-risk, high-reward, end-product-driven research and development, are designed to cross scientific and engineering disciplines to accelerate health breakthroughs. ARPA-H selects bold, high-impact projects, sets concrete milestones, and terminates projects that fail to deliver, ensuring accountability while creating the opportunity for major innovation. In just a few years, ARPA-H has identified and launched dozens of programs, funded nearly 160 projects, and built a network of over 1,800 health innovation partners across all 50 states. These ambitious and unique efforts—focused on pursuing the best opportunities for impact and ensuring market translation—target massively important, but unmet, needs. Examples include:

- **PRINT**, developing safe, bioprinted organs for patients who need transplants.
- **PROSPR**, uncovering the root causes of age-related diseases to help people stay healthier for longer.
- **TARGET**, accelerating the discovery of new antibiotics that can treat drug-resistant infections.
- **RAPID**, using AI to help doctors diagnose rare diseases in weeks instead of years; and
- **PARADIGM**, bringing mobile clinics and advanced care directly to rural communities.

ARPA-H programs have already begun to deliver results to patients. In April, ARPA-H awardee Satio, Inc. announced the development of [Digital SatioRx](#), a low-cost, remotely controllable, reusable intradermal drug delivery device that enables improved patient care in telehealth and home healthcare settings. Researchers supported by ARPA-H at the [University of Miami](#) have already made major steps to develop a device that will be critical for the success of whole eye transplants. ARPA-H-supported [researchers at Stanford](#) have created new tools to 3D print the complex vascular trees needed to carry blood throughout a bioprinted organ, such as a heart.

ARPA-H is building momentum while delivering results. We urge you to sustain a budget of \$1.5 billion for ARPA-H, supporting its continued commitment to work at a rapid pace, finding and funding projects that break the mold and present a highly promising path to overcoming health challenges, from chronic conditions to fast-moving global threats.

Thank you again for your leadership and service, and please extend our appreciation to your respective staff members.

Sincerely,

Research!America	American Association of Immunologists
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)	American Association of Physicists in Medicine
Academic Pediatric Association	American Brain Coalition
Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research	American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research	American Dental Education Association
AdvaMed	American Federation for Aging Research
Alliance for Aging Research	American Heart Association
Alzheimer's Association / Alzheimer's Impact Movement	American Pediatric Society
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology	American Psychological Association Services
American Academy of Neurology	American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Academy of Nursing	American Society for Microbiology
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research	American Society for Nutrition
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	American Society for Virology
	American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
	American Society of Human Genetics

- American Society of Nephrology
- American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Arthritis Foundation
- Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
- Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
- Association for Women in Science
- Association of Academic Physiatrists
- Association of American Cancer Institutes
- Association of American Medical Colleges
- Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities
- Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
- Association of Schools and Programs Of Public Health
- Autoimmune Association
- Biocom California
- Biophysical Society
- Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation
- BrightFocus Foundation
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Children's Cancer Cause
- Coalition for National Trauma Research
- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
- Columbia University
- Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
- COPD Foundation
- CURE Epilepsy
- Emory University
- Engineering Biology Research Consortium
- EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
- Federation of American Scientists
- Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS)
- Fight Colorectal Cancer
- Flagship Pioneering
- Foundation Fighting Blindness
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)
- GO2 for Lung Cancer
- Gulf Coast Consortia
- Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
- International Society for Stem Cell Research
- J. David Gladstone Institutes
- KidneyCAN
- La Jolla Institute for Immunology
- Lasker Foundation
- Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
- Lupus Research Alliance
- Lymphatic Education & Research Network
- Magee-Womens Research Institute
- Mass General Brigham
- Massachusetts ME/CFS & FM Association
- Mayo Clinic Florida
- Michelson Center for Public Policy

- Michigan Medicine
- Motif Neurotech
- National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
- National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
- National Ataxia Foundation
- National Health Council
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- North American Vascular Biology Organization
- One Mind
- Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation
- Pediatric Policy Council
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
- Rice University
- Sepsis Alliance
- Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Society for Neuroscience
- Society for Pediatric Research
- Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA)
- Society of General Internal Medicine
- Society of Skeletal Radiology
- Solve M.E.
- Stony Brook University
- Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute
- The ALS Association
- The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
- The Brain Donor Project
- TSC Alliance
- Tufts University
- University of Pennsylvania
- UC San Diego
- UMass Chan Medical School
- United States Association for the Study of Pain
- University of California System
- University of California, San Diego School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- University of Colorado Anschutz
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Michigan
- University of Missouri
- UsAgainstAlzheimer's
- USP
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- VentureWell
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University