



Dear ASHG Advocate,

We have a few new updates to give you on policy and advocacy-related activities and developments since the last monthly email.

**NIH Funding Alert:** As things stand, next year's federal budget will be subject to restrictive budget caps. Unless Congress takes action to change these caps, there will likely be across-the-board spending cuts for all federal agencies, including NIH. This is why ASHG is partnering with Research!America on a [Raise the Caps campaign](#). Read more about the impact of budget caps on research funding at our [blog](#), and contact your members of Congress in support of the campaign at our [Advocacy Center](#).

**Position statement "Responsibility to Recontact Research Participants after Reinterpretation of Genetic and Genomic Research Results":** ASHG has issued a new position statement with a comprehensive analysis and consequent recommendations for researchers on their responsibility to recontact research participants when results are reinterpreted. The [article](#) is published in the latest issue of the American Journal of Human Genetics.

**Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship:** The deadline for application submission for ASHG's 2019-2020 [Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship](#) is this **Friday, April 19, 2019**. The fellowship is for early-career professionals transitioning to policy and is co-sponsored by the National Human Genome Research Institute. We encourage all those interested to apply.

Thank you for your advocacy!

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