

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

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 Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)

Academic Pediatric Association

Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research

Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research

AdvaMed

Alliance for Aging Research

Alzheimer's Association / Alzheimer's Impact Movement

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Nursing

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Immunologists

American Association of Physicists in Medicine

American Brain Coalition

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

American Dental Education Association

American Federation for Aging Research

American Heart Association

American Pediatric Society

American Psychological Association Services

American Society for Investigative Pathology

American Society for Microbiology

American Society for Nutrition

American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)

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