

As NIH funding
increases,

so do her
chances of living

a long, healthy
and happy life.



Thanks to biomedical research, our children are more likely to have many, many happy returns of the day.

And when it comes to basic research, nobody does it better than the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH isn't just one of the medical wonders of the world; it's one of the greatest gifts we can give children of all ages. From birth defects to Alzheimer's, NIH-funded researchers are working tirelessly to enable new treatments and cures that improve and extend life.

However, the Administration's decision to cut the 2008 NIH budget by \$529 million from 2007 levels is nothing to celebrate. Considering the extraordinary return on investment NIH produces in the form of cutting-edge science and therapies, NIH should be getting a bigger slice of the budget cake, not a smaller one.

Congress has the power, indeed the responsibility, to restore funding from \$28.9 billion to \$30.8 billion so that NIH can continue its vital work enabling new treatments and cures that benefit men, women and children everywhere. If Congress doesn't increase funding, the party could be over for thousands of patients.

It Will Take More Than a Wish To Cure Diseases. Restore Funding for NIH Research.

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We can't win the race against diseases if spending on NIH research lags behind.



Cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes, HIV/AIDS. It doesn't matter which disease you pick, humankind is in a heated race to defeat it.

The race for treatments and cures to many of the world's worst diseases is winnable, but only if there is adequate funding for basic scientific research. And when it comes to basic research, no one comes close to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH isn't just a national treasure; it's one of the medical wonders of the world.

With the stakes so high, it's perplexing that the Administration has proposed to cut the 2008

NIH budget by \$529 million from 2007 levels. Considering the extraordinary return on investment NIH produces in the form of cutting-edge science and therapies, NIH should be one of the last federal agencies to fall prey to budget cuts.

Congress has the power, indeed the responsibility, to restore this funding so that NIH will not lose its stride in making the scientific discoveries that benefit men, women and children everywhere. We urge Senators and Representatives to increase NIH funding by 6.7 percent to \$30.8 billion. You can be sure an interested public will be watching closely, cheering you on all the way.

Improve the Odds for Cures. Put NIH Research Funding Back on Track.

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