

Medical Progress NOW

Day of Action: Tuesday - May 6, 2014



Theme: Increase NIH Funding to Speed Medical Progress NOW

This coordinated social media campaign is intended to deliver unified messages about the importance of medical progress NOW to Congressional Appropriators as they decide how much funding to allocate to the National Institutes of Health this month. This campaign centers on the premise that Congress must listen to Americans who want faster medical progress that will increase NIH purchasing power, save lives, and bolster the economy. Messages can be customized with statistics, patient stories, examples of innovative research and descriptions of the impact of medical progress. Links to various resources and Twitter handles of key congressional targets are listed at the bottom.

Please use our official hashtag: #medprogressnow to join the conversation all day on May 6, 2014!

Sample tweets of Medical Progress NOW campaign:

- Medical research leads to longer & healthier lives for all Americans. Congress must act <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9> #medprogressnow
- I am calling on Congress to act NOW to support strong funding for medical research in FY15 <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9> #medprogressnow
- Without #medprogressnow, we won't find a cure for [DISEASE]. In FY15, will Congress abandon cures? <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>
- The @NIH budget is lower today than it was in '12. We need real growth in medical research for FY15 <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9> #medprogressnow
- #medprogressnow from @NIH could create [TREATMENT], save lives and potentially billions in healthcare spending <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>
- I believe in #medprogressnow! @[Congressional Appropriator], how will you support funding for @NIH <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>

Sample Facebook messages:

- The NIH budget is lower today than it was in 2012. Is it no longer important to conquer diseases that kill children, to do more for wounded warriors, or to stop devastating conditions like Alzheimer's and cancer? 2012 is our past; 2015 is our future. Let's keep moving #medprogressnow <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>
- Congress needs to act NOW to make up for the massive gap between the funding needed to reignite medical progress and the minimal funding allocated to this national priority #medprogressnow <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>
- Federal funding and private-sector investments in medical research save lives and save money. America can't let medical progress slip away as other countries accelerate the pace of research #medprogressnow <http://bit.ly/1eEFGi9>

Resources:

- Contact your congressional representatives <http://capwiz.com/ram/issues/alert/?alertid=63190876>
- Find information on your congressional representative (email, phone number, address) <http://capwiz.com/ram/dbq/officials/>
- Fact sheet on the need for Medical Progress NOW from NIH research <http://www.researchamerica.org/uploads/MedicalProgressNowHandout.pdf>

- Fact sheets on how NIH research has benefitted your state
<http://www.faseb.org/Policy-and-Government-Affairs/Advocacy-on-Capitol-Hill/Advocacy-Resources-for-Scientists/NIH-State-Information-Factsheets.aspx>

Twitter handles and Facebook pages of Congressional Labor H Appropriators:

Name	Seat	Twitter Handle	Facebook Page
Rep. Jack Kingston, Chairman	GA - 1	@jackkingston	https://facebook.com/JackKingston
Rep. Steve Womack, Vice Chair	AR - 3	@rep_stevewomack	https://www.facebook.com/repstevewomack
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann	TN - 3	@RepChuck	https://www.facebook.com/repchuck
Rep. David Joyce	OH - 14	@RepDaveJoyce	https://www.facebook.com/repdavejoyce
Rep. Andy Harris, MD	MD - 1	@RepAndyHarrisMD	https://www.facebook.com/andyharrismd
Rep. Martha Roby	AL - 2	@MarthaRoby	https://www.facebook.com/Representative.Martha.Roby
Rep. Chris Stewart	UT - 2	@RepChrisStewart	https://www.facebook.com/RepChrisStewart
Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member	CT - 3	@Rosa_DeLauro	https://www.facebook.com/CongresswomanRosaDeLauro
Rep. Nita Lowey	NY - 17	@NitaLowey	https://www.facebook.com/RepLowey
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard	CA - 40	@RepRoybalAllard	https://www.facebook.com/RepRoybalAllard
Rep. Barbara Lee	CA - 13	@RepBarbaraLee	https://www.facebook.com/RepBarbaraLee
Rep. Mike Honda	CA - 17	@RepMikeHonda	https://www.facebook.com/RepMikeHonda
Sen. Tom Harkin, Chairman	IA	@SenatorHarkin	https://www.facebook.com/tomharkin
Sen. Jerry Moran, Ranking Member	KS	@jerrymoran	https://www.facebook.com/jerrymoran
Sen. Patty Murray	WA	@PattyMurray	https://www.facebook.com/pattymurray
Sen. Mary L. Landrieu	LA	@SenLandrieu	https://www.facebook.com/senatormarylandrieu
Sen. Richard J. Durbin	IL	@SenatorDurbin	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorDurbin
Sen. Jack Reed	RI	@SenJackReed	https://www.facebook.com/SenJackReed
Sen. Mark Pryor	AR	@SenMarkPryor	https://www.facebook.com/MarkPryor
Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Appropriations Chairwoman	MD	@SenatorBarb	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorMikulski
Sen. Jon Tester	MT	@SenatorTester	https://www.facebook.com/senatortester
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen	NH	@SenatorShaheen	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorShaheen
Sen. Jeff Merkley	OR	@SenJeffMerkley	https://www.facebook.com/jeffmerkley
Sen. Thad Cochran	MS	@SenThadCochran	N/A
Sen. Richard C. Shelby	AL	@sensshelbypress	https://www.facebook.com/RichardShelby
Sen. Lamar Alexander	TN	@senalexander	https://www.facebook.com/lamaralexander
Sen. Lindsey Graham	SC	@GrahamBlog	https://www.facebook.com/USSenatorLindseyGraham
Sen. Mark Kirk	IL	@senatorkirk	https://www.facebook.com/SenatorKirk
Sen. Mike Johanns	NE	@Mike_Johanns	https://www.facebook.com/MikeJohanns
Sen. John Boozman	AR	@JohnBoozman	https://www.facebook.com/JohnBoozman

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