

May 1, 2024

The Hon. Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
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The Hon. Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

The undersigned organizations thank you for your continued leadership of the annual appropriations process. As you determine Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) appropriation levels, we respectfully request that you fund the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) at a level that enables the agency to expand the scope of its vital work. Specifically, we request that you allocate at least \$1.7 billion to ARPA-H for FY25, in a manner that supplements, rather than supplants, funding for the National Institutes of Health and other research and public health agencies funded through the FY25 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Bill.

On a bipartisan basis, Congress established ARPA-H to complement NIH's pivotal role with a focus on end product-driven R&D, collaboration across scientific disciplines, and a public-private approach. Like other ARPA agencies, ARPA-H selects projects through a process that emphasizes risk-taking and specific results, requiring projects to meet detailed milestones or be discontinued. Accordingly, funding for NIH and ARPA-H should be treated as distinct priorities in the appropriations process, each delivering important health, economic, and security benefits to our nation and its people.

ARPA-H is already proving its value. In its two years of operation, ARPA-H has launched 14 research programs and opened two mission-distinct hubs located in Texas and Massachusetts that have a network of partners spanning the entire nation. ARPA-H is taking big bets with its sights set on such goals as reversing and preventing blindness and revolutionizing the treatment of osteoarthritis (which affects 1 in 7 Americans and costs the American economy over \$138 billion in medical costs and lost earnings each year), galvanizing research to address the unique health needs of women and advancing precision cancer therapies.

We urge you to support a \$1.7 billion funding level for ARPA-H in the FY25 LHHS Appropriations Bill, an \$200 million increase over FY24 funding. Growing the agency's budget will enable the agency to capitalize on more opportunities to out-innovate deadly and debilitating health threats, whether longstanding or emerging, that compromise the health and wellbeing of the American people.

Thank you for considering this request, and please convey our appreciation to your respective staff members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of us all.

CC: The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Susan Collins, Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair, House Appropriations Committee