

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  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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	The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
Motif Neurotech	
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research	The Brain Donor Project
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)	TSC Alliance
National Ataxia Foundation	Tufts University
National Health Council	University of Pennsylvania
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	UC San Diego
North American Vascular Biology Organization	UMass Chan Medical School
One Mind	United States Association for the Study of Pain
Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation	University of California System
Pediatric Policy Council	University of California, San Diego School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation	University of Colorado Anschutz
Rice University	University of Colorado Boulder
Sepsis Alliance	University of Michigan
Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences	University of Missouri
Society for Neuroscience	UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Society for Pediatric Research	USP
Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA)	Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Society of General Internal Medicine	VentureWell
Society of Skeletal Radiology	Washington University in St. Louis
Solve M.E.	Yale University
Stony Brook University	
Texas Biomedical Research Institute	
Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute	
The ALS Association	