



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS

(Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee approved its fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bill. AAI is deeply disappointed to see that the bill contains just \$43 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for FY 2024, a cut of \$3.8 billion (8%) from the FY 2023 level. AAI is particularly alarmed by the bill's disproportionately large cut of \$1.5 billion (~23%) to the budget of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). These funding reductions would stifle innovation and do great harm to the biomedical research enterprise. While AAI appreciates that Congress is dealing with significant fiscal constraints, increased investment in NIH is not only critical for improving the health of the American people but also for driving economic growth, as NIH directly or indirectly creates hundreds of thousands of jobs annually.

AAI is also concerned that the bill contains just \$500 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), a reduction of \$1 billion (66.7%) from last year's funding level. Such a cut would significantly limit the exciting high-risk, high-impact research that the agency could support to take on some of society's most pressing health challenges.

As articulated in the recent [testimony](#) submitted by AAI to the House Labor-HHS

Appropriations Subcommittee, AAI will continue to advocate for an increase in the NIH base budget for FY 2024. Sustained, predictable, and robust NIH funding increases are vital to capitalizing on the vast scientific opportunities on the horizon, making much needed investments in the life sciences, and supporting the research and development of new therapies and vaccines. AAI will continue to advocate for the substantial funding support for ARPA-H, ensuring that the agency has the resources to take on some of society's most pressing health challenges. AAI will also continue to advocate for the substantial funding support for ARPA-H, ensuring that the agency has the resources to take on some of society's most pressing health challenges. AAI will also continue to advocate for the substantial funding support for ARPA-H, ensuring that the agency has the resources to take on some of society's most pressing health challenges.