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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  
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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 Chair DeLauro –

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, thank you for your bipartisan leadership in supporting the United States' health, science, technology, and innovation ecosystem. As you consider fiscal year (FY) 2027 funding levels for agencies in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill, we urge you to provide **at least \$1.7 billion, to be available through FY 2029, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)**. In recognition of ARPA-H's unique and distinct mission, this funding should be provided separately – and in a matter that supplements, not supplants – from funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ARPA-H exists to solve the biggest problems in health and medicine, those that are too hard or complex for other government funders and too risky for the private sector. ARPA-H brings bold ideas from concept to reality and focuses on ensuring those ideas make it out of the lab and into the hands of the patients that need them the most. ARPA-H takes an aggressive, entrepreneurial approach to improving health outcomes, and values innovation both in its technical portfolio and in its way of doing business. By uniting scientists, clinicians, entrepreneurs, and technologists with expertise in commercialization and patient-centric care, ARPA-H empowers its funded teams to work quickly, cross disciplinary boundaries, and allow the most creative ideas to thrive. Importantly, ARPA-H sets concrete milestones and terminates projects that fail to deliver, ensuring accountability and return on taxpayer investment while generating opportunities for major breakthroughs that drive job creation and even inspire new industries.

Since its creation less than four years ago, ARPA-H has built and launched dozens of programs, funded over 200 projects, and built a network of over 1,800 health innovation partners across the nation. These ambitious efforts focus on impact and translation, and target massively important yet unmet health needs. ARPA-H-funded teams are working to [engineer](#) “living factories” to treat Type 2 diabetes and obesity, [develop](#) advanced biosensor systems to monitor

indoor air for pathogens and allergens, design and [construct](#) new tools to combat antimicrobial resistance using generative AI, and [bioprint](#) fully functional livers using patients' own cells. Other projects aim to fully [restore](#) vision through whole eye transplants, combine AI and precision microbiome editing to [improve](#) oral health, and [reimagine](#) assistive devices to improve safety and quality of life for people with disabilities. In 2025, ARPA-H [developed](#) its first commercially viable medical device: a low-cost, remotely-controlled intradermal device that can deliver safe, at-home treatments for a wide range of chronic diseases. The agency also [demonstrated](#) prototype vehicles and equipment designed to dramatically improve care in rural areas, [showcased](#) initial progress on an implantable device that monitors cancer biomarkers and adjusts doses of immunotherapy in real time, and [expanded](#) its partnerships in support of transformative, early stage women's health research.

While these advances represent major steps forward, there is still work to be done. Just in the last month, ARPA-H has launched new initiatives aimed at [applying](#) AI to revolutionize cardiovascular care, [expanding](#) care for pediatric brain cancer to rural areas, and [stopping](#) neurodegenerative disease before it starts. Future efforts focused on rare diseases, food allergies, and reversing the effects of aging are also taking shape. To continue this work and to enable the agency to rise to future challenges, it is critical that Congress ensures continued robust funding for ARPA-H.

Growing the agency's budget by providing a \$200 million increase over FY 2026 enacted levels will allow ARPA-H to continue its forward momentum on developing breakthrough technologies and approaches to meet the nation's continuing health challenges. By providing funding over several years, as has been done in the past, Congress gives ARPA-H the flexibility to be bold and dynamic in its investments and to meet the health challenges facing Americans head on. Beyond its benefits for our country's health and wellbeing, increasing funding for ARPA-H signals to our global competitors that the United States takes its role as the world's leader in biotechnology seriously. A strong, well-resourced ARPA-H is essential for ensuring that we are not outpaced by other nations and remain at the forefront of biomedical innovation.

Thank you for your leadership and for your support for research that accelerates better health outcomes for everyone.

Sincerely,

Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research  
AcademyHealth  
Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for Women in Radiology  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Surgeons

American Federation for Aging Research  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
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American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
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Biocom  
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Center for Endometriosis Care  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Coalition for National Trauma Research  
Colorado State University  
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Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Cures Within Reach  
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Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation Fighting Blindness  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Good Days  
Harvard University  
Head for the Cure Foundation  
HealthyWomen  
Houston Methodist Hospital  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California  
La Jolla Institute for Immunology  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Mass General Brigham  
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National Eczema Association  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
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Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Sepsis Alliance  
Social Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS)  
Society For Biomaterials  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
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The Akari Foundation  
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The National Pancreas Foundation  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
TSC Alliance  
University of Colorado Anschutz  
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Women's Health Advocates  
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