



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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### **Ad Hoc Group Statement on FY 2018 Continuing Resolution**

**December 14, 2017** – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement in response to the “Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018,” the fiscal year (FY) 2018 continuing resolution (CR) released last night as part of H.J.Res. 124:*

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is deeply concerned that the CR introduced on December 13 would suspend sequestration for “security” spending, without offering similar relief for so-called “non-security” spending. As members of both parties have acknowledged, health security is inseparable from national security, and the existing discretionary spending caps will hamper our ability to invest fully in health care priorities to keep all Americans safe and healthy, including medical research.

On behalf of the patients, health professionals, scientists, researchers, trainees, and others represented by the Ad Hoc Group member organizations, we urge lawmakers to remove this provision from the CR and to renew their commitment to negotiate a bipartisan, bicameral budget deal that raises the discretionary spending caps for both defense and non-defense programs. Such an agreement would help keep the momentum on medical research moving forward by enabling a robust investment in the National Institutes of Health.

Patients and their families are waiting.

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The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 300 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.