



June 16, 2026

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the Council of State Bioscience Associations (CSBA)—a national coalition of independent, state and territory-based organizations representing the full breadth of America’s biotechnology ecosystem— we write to urge you to provide robust funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Act.

The Council of State Bioscience Associations (CSBA) advocates for policies that support the responsible development and delivery of lifesaving biotechnology solutions. According to a recent industry report, U.S. bioscience industry employment in 2023 reached 2.3 million jobs in more than 149,000 businesses across every state in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The total economic impact of the bioscience industry on the U.S. economy, as measured by overall output, totaled \$3.2 trillion dollars in 2023¹.

The majority of CSBA’s member companies are research-intensive small and large biotechnology companies working on cutting-edge innovations. Most of these are pre-revenue human health companies that face enormous challenges in developing the next generation of biomedical breakthroughs.

NIH grant funding is a cornerstone of the U.S. innovation ecosystem, providing critical resources to train scientists, enabling university-driven discoveries, fostering public-private partnerships, and supporting technology transfer efforts that connect academic research to industry-sponsored drug development and FDA-approved medical advances for patients.

¹TEconomy/Biotechnology Innovation Organization. (2024). *The U.S. Bioscience Economy: Driving Economic Growth and Opportunity in States and Regions*. <https://www.bio.org/csba-resources-and-reports>

Robust and effective NIH funding is essential to sustaining bipartisan investment in the university-industry partnerships that drive U.S. leadership in innovation, job creation, and global competitiveness. This investment is especially critical as competitor countries such as China rapidly expand and sustain government support for biomedical research. Continued U.S. leadership will depend on maintaining strong, consistent federal funding to ensure we do not fall behind or cede the scientific, economic, national security, and public health advantages that stem from American innovation.

We urge you to invest in America's continued leadership in biomedical innovation by supporting robust funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the FY2027 Appropriations Acts. If you have any questions, please contact CSBA Executive Director, Patrick Plues at pplues@bio.org.

Sincerely,

AR- BIOArkansas
AZ- Arizona Bioindustry Association, Inc. (AZBio)
CA- Biocom California
CA- Southern California Biomedical Council
CA- California Life Sciences
CO- Colorado BioScience Association
CT- BioCT
DE- Delaware BioScience Association
FL- BioFlorida
GA- Georgia Life Sciences
IA- Iowa Biotechnology Association
ID- Idaho Technology Council
IL- Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization (iBIO)
IN- Indiana Life Sciences Association
KS- AdAstra BIO
KY- Kentucky Life Sciences Council
LA- Louisiana BIO
MA- MassBio
MD- Maryland Tech Council
ME- Bioscience Association of Maine (BioME)
MI- Michigan Biosciences Industry Association (MichBio)
MN- Medical Alley
MO- Missouri Biotechnology Association (MOBIO)
MT- Montana Bioscience Alliance
NC- North Carolina Life Sciences Organization
NE- Bio Nebraska
NH- New Hampshire Life Sciences (NHLS)
NJ- BioNJ
NM- New Mexico Biotechnology & Biomedical Association
NV- Nevada Biotechnology & Health Science Consortium
NY- NewYorkBIO
OH- The Ohio Life Sciences Association

OK- Life Science Oklahoma
OR- Oregon Life Sciences
PA- Life Sciences Pennsylvania
PR- INDUNIV Research Center Inc. - PR Bio Alliance
RI- Rhode Island Bio
SC- SCbio
SD- South Dakota Biotech Association
TN- Life Science Tennessee
TX- Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute (THBI)
UT- BioUtah
VA- Virginia Bio
WA- Life Science Washington
WI- BioForward Wisconsin
WV- Bioscience Association of West Virginia

Cc:

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
The Honorable Robert Aderholt