

CANCER RESEARCH IS SAVING LIVES



2022 AACI/AACR Virtual Hill Day

PRIMARY MESSAGES

- Thank Congress for its bipartisan support for cancer research and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), **specifically** for providing a \$2.25 billion increase for the NIH in Fiscal Year 2022.
- Ask Congress to continue to prioritize funding for medical research in the regular appropriations process and provide **\$49.048 billion (a \$4.1 billion increase)** for the NIH in FY 2023. Fulfilling this request would enable continued, real growth above inflation for medical research and support promising science in all areas.
- Ask Congress to provide at least **\$7.766 billion** for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in FY 2023. This request is supported by the NCI Director's "professional judgment budget."

SUPPORTING POINTS

- If applicable, thank the Representative or Senator for signing onto the recent Dear Colleague letter in support of the NIH. The House letter called for an increase of at least \$4.1 billion for the NIH in FY 2023, which aligns with the AACI/AACR ask. The Senate letter asks for appropriators to continue a sustained investment in NIH funding. (If the Member signed onto the letter, it will be noted on your schedule.)
- Remind them that prioritizing funding for the NIH and NCI is the only way we will seize the unparalleled scientific opportunities and momentum in cancer research today. Robust, sustained and predictable growth in funding is paramount to overcoming the challenges we face in preventing, detecting, and treating this complex disease, and is essential if we are to make continued advances in patient care.
- Explain the importance of increased funding for the NIH and NCI by using a specific project in your institution or practice as an example. If you are a patient advocate/survivor, share your personal experience with cancer and the importance of research.