



The Association of American Cancer Institutes Commends Republican Senators for Advocating for NIH Funding

The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) commends U.S. Senator **Katie Britt (R-AL)**, for galvanizing the support of 13 Senate Republicans to advocate for the disbursement of appropriated funds for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

AACI also applauds Senators **John Boozman (R-AR)**, **Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)**, **Bill Cassidy (R-LA)**, **Susan Collins (R-ME)**, **Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**, **Mitch McConnell (R-KY)**, **Dave McCormick (R-PA)**, **Jerry Moran (R-KS)**, **Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)**, **Tim Scott (R-SC)**, **Dan Sullivan (R-AK)**, **Thom Tillis (R-NC)**, and **Todd Young (R-IN)**, who cosigned Senator Britt's letter to the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

In [the letter](#), the senators requested the implementation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, signed into law earlier this year by President Trump, which contains critical funding to support NIH initiatives across research areas, including cancer.

The senators highlighted concerns about the slow disbursement rate of FY25 NIH funds and the risks of suspending appropriated funds, including threats to thousands of jobs, access to better medical treatments, and American leadership in biomedical science.

"Ultimately, this is about finding cures and seeing them through to fruition," the senators wrote.

AACI deeply appreciates the senators' efforts to protect funding for the NIH and urges them and their colleagues in Congress to [reject the FY 2026 budget proposal](#). We call on the Trump administration to renew our country's longstanding commitment to cancer research through continued investment in the NIH and NCI.