



Association of American Cancer Institutes Applauds Senate Appropriations Committee Budget

The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) strongly supports the cancer research components of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) bill.

Approved July 31 by a vote of 26-to-3, the bill includes \$7.374 billion for the National Cancer Institute (NCI), an increase of \$150 million over FY25, and \$48.7 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a \$400 million boost compared to the previous fiscal year, according to an analysis by Democrats on the committee. It also provides \$1.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, known as ARPA-H.

AACI extends its gratitude to U.S. Senator **Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)**, chair of the Senate LHHS appropriations subcommittee, and Senator **Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)**, ranking member, who collaborated on the bill.

Sen. Capito noted, "I am proud that Ranking Member Baldwin and I were able to once again craft an effective bill that maintains provisions that are critical to the departments our subcommittee oversees."

Subcommittee members on both sides of the aisle voted in favor of the bill, and we thank them for their dedication to cancer research and their unflinching support of the tireless work performed by AACI members on behalf of cancer patients and their families.

The Senate bill counters the catastrophic 40 percent budget cut proposed by President Trump with vigorous support for the NIH and NCI. Though a U.S. House of Representatives LHHS subcommittee budget proposal is pending, it is expected before the fiscal year ends on September 30.