

United for Medical Research

United for Medical Research Statement on the Proposed ‘Skinny’ Budget Released Today

The following statement can be attributed to UMR President Lizbet Boroughs:

March 16, 2017 – “UMR is deeply troubled by the proposed \$5.8 billion cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) contained in the Administration’s budget proposal released today. A cut of such magnitude would have serious repercussions on medical research, jobs and the economy. It would stymie major progress toward treatment and cures of diseases, and be felt by all Americans.

“NIH-funded research, conducted at academic and medical institutions in communities in every state in the nation, is an engine for medical progress and economic growth. NIH research fuels the pipeline of discovery and innovation necessary to prevent, treat and cure our most vexing diseases and it has a significant economic impact, supporting more than 350,000 jobs across the United States and contributing some \$60 billion annually in economic activity.

“Given that cancer, Alzheimer’s, diabetes and other illness cost our economy billions each year in morbidity and mortality, reversing course on investments in biomedical research will undermine our economy and weaken our nation's health. We call on the strong bipartisan Congressional supporters of NIH to reject the Administration’s drastic and unwise cuts to NIH and maintain a course of steady, sustained and predictable funding for America’s premier health agency.”

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