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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
United States Representative  
272 Cannon House Office Building  
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Chairman Aderholt,

I am writing on behalf of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) to express our concern regarding recent actions impacting the future of gastrointestinal and biomedical research in Alabama.

As you know, the Department of Governmental Efficiency has cancelled approximately 800 grants to researchers across the U.S., studying a variety of important health conditions numerous GI conditions that affect thousands of Alabama residents.<sup>1</sup> These research projects were sufficiently important to be among the less than 20% of applications funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) annually. Although NIH leadership recently instructed agency staff not to cancel any additional grants until further notice, this directive could be lifted at any time.<sup>2</sup> **In Alabama alone, the NIH funds 734 projects, investing over \$420 million in the state. Your district, AL-04, has one active project with over \$300,000 in NIH funding. In fact, this project is GI-related, studying microbiome therapies.**<sup>3</sup>

With the current delays and restrictions in the NIH grantmaking process, each of these awards is now at risk. More concerning than the loss of these studies was how they were cancelled – without input from the scientific community as to which studies were of highest value, nor a formal appeals process for researchers to defend their work. Indeed, for many of these cancellations, staff at the NIH were informed of the cancellation at the same time as the grant recipients. Given the rapidity and inexact nature of this process, years of high-quality research which had already been performed were squandered, and taxpayer dollars wasted. Although some of these awards may now be reinstated, the momentum of each project has slowed significantly, potentially delaying the delivery of new interventions for patients.

Given the concerning developments outlined above, I urge you to support biomedical research and oppose any cuts to NIH funding, as well as any proposed cuts to the indirect rates which support our biomedical research enterprise. I applaud the Senate Appropriations Committee for increasing the NIH's proposed budget to \$48.7 billion, and I hope the House joins their lead. Any

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<sup>1</sup> American Association of Medical Colleges, [Impact of NIH Grant Terminations](#)

<sup>2</sup> The New York Times, [N.I.H. Memo Pauses Cancellations of Medical Research Grants](#)

<sup>3</sup> NIH RePORTER, [RePORT > RePORTER](#)

budgetary gains realized by these cuts will be short-term and come at the cost of the health and economic impact of Alabamians. Additionally, because biomedical research is a focus of excellence in our state, and attracts both talent and jobs to Alabamians, we will disproportionately feel the impact of these cuts.

I hope you will act to protect the decades of work in Alabama's biomedical research enterprise, work that continues to benefit your constituents and all patients across the nation.

Sincerely,

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ACG Governor for Alabama