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AAI Statement on President Biden's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for NIH
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The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) greatly appreciates President Biden's strong support for biomedical research and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through his long career in the legislative and executive branches. Unfortunately, the Administration's fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget fails to provide NIH with the funding it needs to continue to advance urgently needed medical research that saves and improves Americans' lives. In fact, the President's proposal will diminish resources for the NIH to support fundamental research when inflation is taken into consideration. In this regard, while AAI supports the President's new initiative, the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), and is grateful for his ongoing commitment to funding COVID-19/pandemic preparedness activities, we believe that these investments must not come at the expense of core NIH functions, including supporting a robust investigator-initiated basic research portfolio.

We urge Congress, which has repeatedly demonstrated strong bipartisan support for NIH, to appropriate at least \$49 billion for NIH's base budget for FY 2023, to fully fund the President's request for mandatory funding for ongoing pandemic preparedness, and to provide substantial funding to further support ARPA-H.