March 13, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Capito, Ranking Member Baldwin, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro –

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, thank you for your bipartisan leadership in supporting the United States' health, science, technology, and innovation ecosystem. As you consider fiscal year (FY) 2027 funding levels for agencies in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill, we urge you to provide **at least $1.7 billion, to be available through FY 2029, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).** In recognition of ARPA-H's unique and distinct mission, this funding should be provided separately from – and in a matter that supplements, not supplants – funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ARPA-H exists to solve the biggest problems in health and medicine, those that are too hard or complex for other government funders and too risky for the private sector. ARPA-H brings bold ideas from concept to reality and focuses on ensuring those ideas make it out of the lab and into the hands of the patients that need them the most. ARPA-H takes an aggressive, entrepreneurial approach to improving health outcomes, and values innovation both in its technical portfolio and in its way of doing business. By uniting scientists, clinicians, entrepreneurs, and technologists with expertise in commercialization and patient-centric care, ARPA-H empowers its funded teams to work quickly, cross disciplinary boundaries, and allow the most creative ideas to thrive. Importantly, ARPA-H sets concrete milestones and terminates projects that fail to deliver, ensuring accountability and return on taxpayer investment while generating opportunities for major breakthroughs that drive job creation and even inspire new industries.

Since its creation less than four years ago, ARPA-H has launched dozens of programs, funded over 200 projects, and built a network of over 1,800 health innovation partners across the nation. These ambitious efforts focus on impact and translation, and target massively important yet unmet health needs. ARPA-H-funded teams are working to engineer "living factories" to treat Type 2 diabetes and obesity, develop advanced biosensor systems to monitor indoor air for pathogens and allergens, design and construct new tools to combat antimicrobial resistance using generative

AI, and bioprint fully functional livers using patients' own cells. Other projects aim to fully restore vision through whole eye transplants, combine AI and precision microbiome editing to improve oral health, and reimagine assistive devices to improve safety and quality of life for people with disabilities. In 2025, ARPA-H developed its first commercially viable medical device: a low-cost, remotely-controlled intradermal device that can deliver safe, at-home treatments for a wide range of chronic diseases. The agency also demonstrated prototype vehicles and equipment designed to dramatically improve care in rural areas, showcased initial progress on an implantable device that monitors cancer biomarkers and adjusts doses of immunotherapy in real time, and expanded its partnerships in support of transformative, early stage women's health research.

While these advances represent major steps forward, there is still work to be done. Just in the last month, ARPA-H has launched new initiatives aimed at applying AI to revolutionize cardiovascular care, expanding care for pediatric brain cancer to rural areas, and stopping neurodegenerative disease before it starts. Future efforts focusing on rare diseases, food allergies, and reversing the effects of ageing are also taking shape. To continue this work and to enable the agency to rise to future challenges, it is critical that Congress ensures continued robust funding for ARPA-H.

Growing the agency's budget by providing a $200 million increase over FY 2026 enacted levels will allow ARPA-H to continue its forward momentum on developing breakthrough technologies and approaches to meet the nation's continuing health challenges. By providing funding over several years, as has been done in the past, Congress gives ARPA-H the flexibility to be bold and dynamic in its investments and to meet the health challenges facing Americans head on. Beyond its benefits for our country's health and wellbeing, increasing funding for ARPA-H signal to our global competitors that the United States takes its role as the world's leader in biotechnology seriously. A strong, well-resourced ARPA-H is essential for ensuring that we are not outpaced by other nations and remain at the forefront of biomedical innovation.

Thank you for your leadership and for your support for research that accelerates better health outcomes for everyone.

Sincerely,

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