April 22, 2021

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Dear *[insert representative’s name here],*

Thank you for your support for the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Agency for Health Research Quality (AHRQ). This year, members of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL), alongside the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)’s Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, are recommending

* Increasing NIH funding levels to at least **$46.1 billion** in Fiscal Year 2022, a 7.4% ($3.2 billion) increase over the FY 2021 program level, including dedicated funding provided to the NIH through the 21st Century Cures Act.
* Increasing NLM funding levels to at least **$475 million** in Fiscal Year 2022, a 3% ($12.9 million) increase.

The National Library of Medicine is a leader in providing trustworthy health and biosciences information through its more than 300 databases including [the MedlinePlus website](https://medlineplus.gov). It also offers unparalleled access to the latest biomedical research (publications and data) through databases such as [PubMed](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/), [GenBank](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/), and [Sequence Read Archive](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra) (SRA). This information has impact throughout the nation, including our community *[insert state/county/city name here].* For example *[insert anecdote about how NLM resources or funding have helped your community, ie, an NNLM grant]*.

Thank you for everything you do to support and protect the health of our nation and further our research and education programs. I look forward to discussing these issues with you *[insert date and time here]*

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***The Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)*** *supports academic health sciences libraries and directors in advancing the patient care, research, education, and community service missions of academic health centers through visionary executive leadership and expertise in health information, scholarly communication, and knowledge management.*