Gains for Health Research in FY 2007 Could Be Lost

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As the Senate considers the resolution to fund appropriations for the remainder of FY 2007, some Senators are expected to propose amendments to cut all non-defense spending across the board, including the NIH, CDC and AHRQ budgets. Please contact your Senators immediately to oppose any amendment that would decrease funding for health research.

The House of Representatives approved a funding resolution that included the $7 billion increase for health and education that Congressional champions and advocates have been supporting over the past year. The expected amendments would reduce or erase these hard-fought gains for health research.

The resolution that the House approved includes a $600 million increase for the NIH, which would provide funds to support new investigators, a new Junior Pioneer awards program, the National Children’s Study, and the Common Fund. Overall, NIH estimates that the additional funding would support 500 more research project grants.

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