

THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

March 3, 2025

Dear New England Delegation,

On behalf of the members of the New England Council, I write to share concerns about the newly released National Institutes of Health (NIH) policy guidance that will weaken our nation by deeply cutting academic and healthcare institution research funding. As you know, the New England Council is a non-partisan alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations throughout New England formed to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the New England region. The New England Council's mission is to identify and support federal public policies and articulate the voice of our membership regionally and nationally on important issues facing New England. We are proud to count among our members dozens of educational and health institutions who are collectively the recipients of nearly \$5 billion in NIH funds annually, and who are conducting cutting-edge research to treat hundreds of diseases and save lives. We are gravely concerned that the 15 percent cap on facility and administrative support that the Trump Administration is seeking to implement will not only have a devastating impact on some of the incredible innovation underway here in New England, but will also have much more far-reaching impact on the region's economic wellbeing.

Implementing a 15 percent cap on facility and administrative support, as the NIH has announced it intends to do, would slash funding and cut research activity at nearly every research institution in our region and devastate the New England economy. The discovery of new treatments would slow, opportunities to train the next generation of scientific leaders would shrink, and our nation's science and engineering prowess would be severely compromised.

New England is known as a global health innovation hub, where our academic and medical institutions are leading the way in developing treatments and cures for some of the most pressing health challenges, and indeed saving countless lives. At the same time, the economic impact of NIH funding here in the New England region cannot be overstated. In total, our region received **\$4.8286 billion** in NIH Awards in FY2023, which supported **40,291 jobs** and **\$10.652 billion in economic activity**.¹

State	NIH Awards FY23	Jobs Created	Economic Activity Supported
Connecticut	\$770 million	6,609	\$1.68 billion
Maine	\$116 million	1,470	\$262 million
Massachusetts	\$3.5 billion	28,842	\$7.78 billion
New Hampshire	\$128 million	1,158	\$301 million
Rhode Island	\$256 million	2,212	\$502 million
Vermont	\$58.6 million	575	\$127 million

However, these incredible and often times life-saving scientific advancements are not without a cost. This groundbreaking research is supported by materials, laboratory equipment, support staff, and even basic

¹ <https://www.unitedformedicalresearch.org/nih-in-your-state/>

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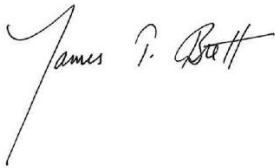
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services like heat and electricity. These facility and administrative costs very directly impact the day-to-day operations of the research being conducted, and cannot be uncoupled with the direct costs of funding research.

We thank you for your attention to this letter. It is our hope that you will take these concerns under consideration and continue to fund ingenuity in our nation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mariah Healy, Director of Federal Affairs, at mhealy@newenglandcouncil.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James T. Brett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

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