



BioKansas and AdAstra BIO urge the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support continued funding of research institutions supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH funding for basic and biomedical research has positioned the United States as the global leader in the discovery of medicines and medical technologies that have saved millions of lives in the US and across the globe. The public investment in research infrastructure also produces incredible economic dividends, with every dollar spent producing approximately two dollars in private investment in R&D; and every dollar spent on successful drug development being matched by over \$60 in private investment. These investments in turn produce jobs and economic growth in our community, far beyond the research institutions themselves.

We recognize that research is expensive, that life-changing discoveries can sometimes take years of investment, and that the NIH has a responsibility as a steward of taxpayer money to see it directed toward high impact research activities. We fully support the need for efficiency in our federal institutions, including HHS and NIH. At the same time, it is critical that we as a nation choose to fund cutting-edge research, and the world-class facilities that have made the United States the enviable center of gravity for life science R&D.

Continued investment in biomedical research is essential for maintaining our nation's leadership in medical innovation and for ensuring the health and well-being of our citizens. We strongly urge HHS and Secretary Kennedy to sustain NIH funding for critical institutional infrastructure needed to advance scientific knowledge and improve public health.

BioKansas and AdAstra BIO, as leading organizations supporting the biosciences in the state of Kansas, are here to partner with our policymakers and scientific leaders to achieve long-term solutions that establish and grow Kansas as a hub of innovation while responsibly directing public funds, ensuring that our families and communities can thrive.

Regards,

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