

July 30, 2025

Senator Katie Britt  
United States Senate  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Britt,

On behalf of the [Gerontological Society of America](http://www.geron.org) (GSA), we thank you for leading the effort in sending a letter with 13 Senate colleagues to Russell Vought, Director of the Office of Management & Budget, requesting full implementation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, including funds appropriated for the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

GSA's mission is to foster excellence, innovation, and collaboration to advance aging research, education, practice, and policy. We envision meaningful lives as we age. GSA's 6,000 members include gerontologists, health professionals, behavioral & social scientists, biologists, demographers, economists, and many other disciplines. These experts study all facets of aging with a life-course orientation. The multidisciplinary nature of the GSA membership is a valued strength, enabling the Society to provide a rich perspective on the issues facing our population as we age. Our members come from more than 50 countries.

As you noted in your letter, the FY 2025 continuing resolution supports NIH initiatives across a range of critical research areas, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, rare pediatric disorders, and more. This funding also supports research at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). As we live longer and healthier lives, we celebrate the intramural and extramural ground-breaking research that the NIH and NIA contribute to understanding diseases and disorders that impact us all as we age. It is crucial that NIA continue its leadership in this research that recognizes an interdisciplinary approach from the basic biology to the most effective medical and behavioral interventions leading to paths to cures and improvements for our increased healthspans. The NIH's mission aligns well with Congress' and the Administration's interest in making Americans healthier.

We would also note that recent changes in staffing levels, grant review processes, and internal operations at NIH and NIA have created challenges that could affect the momentum of ongoing biomedical and social science research. According to [available information tracked by SCIMaP](#), the impact of federal health research grant cancellations and cuts has resulted in an economic loss of \$9.3

billion in the United States. Future economic losses are projected to reach \$16 billion annually because of grant cancellations<sup>[1]</sup>. We encourage the Subcommittee to exercise its important oversight role to help ensure that prior-year funding is fully obligated in ways that reflect Congressional intent and support the continued effectiveness of the health and aging research ecosystem at NIH.

Thank you again for requesting that OMB ensure the timely release of all FY 2025 NIH and NIA appropriations in accordance with congressional intent. Doing so will ensure continued momentum in curing disease and supporting American innovation. If you have any questions, please contact me or Patricia D'Antonio, Vice President of Policy and Professional Affairs at [pdantonio@geron.org](mailto:pdantonio@geron.org) or 202-587-5880 or Jordan Miles, Director of Policy at [jmiles@geron.org](mailto:jmiles@geron.org) or 202-587-5884.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James C. Appleby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James C. Appleby, BSPHarm, MPH, ScD (Hon)  
Chief Executive Officer

<sup>[1]</sup> SCIMaP, [scienceimpacts.org](http://scienceimpacts.org).