



*Statement from the American Brain Coalition on Dangerous Cuts to NIH Research*

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The American Brain Coalition is alarmed and dismayed by the administration's recent announcement that it will make drastic cuts to biomedical research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Cutting facilities and administrative (F&A) costs associated with NIH research grants will derail progress towards treatments and cures for some of the most life-threatening and debilitating diseases and conditions of the brain and central nervous system. At the same time, these cuts will endanger the United States' position at the forefront of biomedical research across the globe.

Institutions in every state conduct research to improve the health of all Americans. Many members of the American Brain Coalition conduct important NIH-supported research that leads to groundbreaking discoveries that improve the lives of the millions of individuals with brain diseases and conditions. F&A costs are an essential and fundamental component of this biomedical research, directed towards critical areas that support the research itself. This includes building and upkeep of specialized laboratories, safety and security, secure data storage, and other critical infrastructure and functions.

Simply put, cuts to F&A costs are cuts to biomedical research itself. Under this new policy, institutions, including universities across the nation, may be forced to halt lifesaving research projects.

The American Brain Coalition calls on the administration to withdraw this damaging policy and continue to provide comprehensive support for our nation's preeminent research institutions. The health of the millions of Americans with diseases and conditions of the brain and central nervous system depends on sustained, comprehensive investments in biomedical research.