



June 6, 2025

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

Thank you for your letter regarding research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The Administration believes the United States should have the best medical research in the world. To that end, we are advancing policies to maximize the impact of every federal taxpayer dollar and to ensure proper oversight of this funding. NIH is required to carefully steward grant awards to ensure taxpayer dollars are used in ways that benefit the American people and improve their quality of life. The NIH mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. As an agency, we are dedicated to supporting and conducting gold-standard, evidence-based science.

In some instances, grants have been terminated if they are not in line with Administration priorities. As of May 23, 2025, the following numbers of awards have been terminated:

- 40 out of 4,785 active awards on Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias;
- 0 out of 263 active awards on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS);
- 2 out of 1,053 active awards on pediatric cancers; and
- 1 out of 342 active awards on congenital heart disease.

A full list of these terminated grants can be found in Appendix A. Additional information about NIH's terminated grants is available at taggs.hhs.gov.

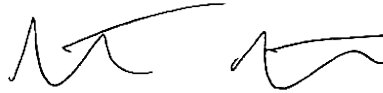
In addition to termination of grants not aligning with Administration priorities, NIH is conducting an assessment across the agency to ensure all grantee institutions are following NIH policy, including Civil Rights Terms and Conditions.¹ For institutions not in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, the Administration is taking action to bring them into compliance which may include restrictions on accessing funds from the Agency. In some instances, there is active litigation regarding these restrictions, and I am unable to further comment on these awards.

Thank you again for your letter. President Trump, Secretary Kennedy, and I are committed to ensuring that the United States remains the global leader in biomedical research, and I look

¹ grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-090.html

forward to working with you. Should you have any questions, please contact the NIH Office of Legislative Policy and Analysis at NIHCongressionalRelations@nih.gov.

All the best,

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Jay Bhattacharya, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, NIH

Appendix A – Terminated Awards

Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias

Project Number	Title	PI Name	Institution
AG037514-13S1	Role of Mitochondrial Homeostasis in Animal Aging	WALKER, DAVID W	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES
AG056669-05	The Epidemiology of Alzheimers Disease and Related Dementias in Sexual and Gender Minority Older Adults: Identifying Risk and Protective Factors	FLATT, JASON DANE	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS
AG058066-04S1	Protective Genetic Variants for Alzheimer Disease in the Amish	SCOTT, WILLIAM K	CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
AG061785-04S1	Circadian changes in network excitability and Alzheimer disease pathogenesis	ROBERSON, ERIK D	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
AG063954-05	Establishing the science behind Alzheimers recruitment registries: opportunities for increasing diversity and accelerating enrollment into trials	LANGBAUM, JESSICA BROOKE	BANNER HEALTH
AG066599-03	Building Community and Research Engagement among Sexual and Gender Minority Older Adults at Risk for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias	ANDERSON, JOEL G	EMORY UNIVERSITY
AG069041-04	Social Convoys, Cognitive Reserve and Resilience, and Risk for Alzheimers Disease and Related Dementias	BOCKTING, WALTER O	NEW YORK STATE PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE dba RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, INC
AG072587-02S1	Structural and Biological Characterization of Diverse Oligomers Derived from Abeta	NOWICK, JAMES S	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE
AG072592-04	Cerebral small vessel disease burden and racial disparity in vascular cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease and its related dementias	HYACINTH, HYACINTH IDU	UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
AG074213-03	Perceived racism, cardiovascular disease risk, and neurocognitive aging	SCHON, KARIN	BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS
AG074213-03S1	Perceived racism, cardiovascular disease risk, and neurocognitive aging	SCHON, KARIN	BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS
AG074213-03S2	Perceived racism, cardiovascular disease risk, and neurocognitive aging	SCHON, KARIN	BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS
AG074570-04S1	Chemical approaches to selectively target beta-rich amyloidosis	DEL VALLE, JUAN R	UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

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AG074709-02S1	Diversity Supplement to Traffic-related air pollution exacerbates AD-relevant phenotypes in a genetically susceptible rat model via neuroinflammatory mechanism(s)	LEIN, PAMELA J	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS
AG075734-03S1	Training the Long-Term Services and Supports Dementia Care Workforce in Provision of Care to Sexual and Gender Minority Residents	SHIPPEE, TETYANA P	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
AG075900-03S1	Contributions of tau-mediated translational dysregulation to pathogenesis and progression of fronto-temporal dementia	ABISAMBRA, JOSE FRANCISCO	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
AG076956-03S1	Neural stem cell rejuvenation through single cell pharmacogenomics	BONAGUIDI, MICHAEL	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
AG077579-03S2	Understanding Biological and Lifestyle Contributions to Alzheimers Disease Pathology and Clinical Profiles in Black Women: Defining Prevention Targets in High Risk Groups	BANKS, SARAH	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
AG079193-02S1	Endoscopy for nasal amyloid deposits, Administrative Supplement under Virus and olfactory system interactions accelerate Alzheimers disease pathology	NAGEL, MARIA ACENA	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
AG079193-02S2	Postbaccalaureate studies by Ms. Amalia Bustillos understanding whether viral infection of the olfactory system accelerate Alzheimers disease	NAGEL, MARIA ACENA	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
AG079510-01A1	Asian Americans & Racism: Individual and Structural Experiences (ARISE)	PARK, VAN MY TA	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO
AG079613-02	Inhibition of CD33-sialic acid binding in Late-Onset Alzheimers Disease	GREEN, JENNIFER LEIGH	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES
AG079627-02	Data-Driven Discovery of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Statin Use on Dementia Risk	JAWADEKAR, NEAL	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES
AG080470-02S1	Bilingual Factors Associated with Cognitive Reserve and Linguistic Resilience in Hispanics with Primary Progressive Aphasia	GRASSO, STEPHANIE M	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
AG080829-02S1	Earlier-Life Predictors of Midlife Risk Factors for Dementia: A 35-Year Follow-up Wallace Admin Suppl	THORPE, ROLAND J	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
AG080843-02	SilverBills: A Legal, Technical and Financial Tool for Aging LGBTQ+ Individuals with Impaired Cognition.	CHESS, ERIC	SILVERBILLS INC.
AG081421-02S1	Assessing the role of APOE in glial lipid droplet metabolism and function	COHEN, SARAH	UNIV OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL

Project Number	Title	PI Name	Institution
AG082080-02	Improving Inclusivity of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research for Asian Americans and Latinx through Nationally Representative Hybrid Sampling.	LEE, SUNG-HEE	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR
AG083177-02	Enhancing Measurement and Characterization of Roles and Experiences of Sexual and Gender Minority Caregivers of Persons living with Alzheimers Disease and Related Dementias	DOWLING, NORCA MARITZA	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS
AG083253-02	Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research National Coordinating Center (RCMARs NCC)	SCEPPA, CARMEN CASTANEDA	GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
AG083386-02	Multi-Level Determinants of Sexual and Gender Minority Aging	TRAN, NATHANIEL M	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
AG083753-01S1	Role of APOE in endosomal processing of alpha-synuclein	DAVIS, ALBERT A	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
AG087121-01A1	ADRD risk and resilience among Black Americans: A 20-year longitudinal study	MEZUK, BRIANA	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR
HL151902-04S1	Assessing the burden of dementia in transgender populations	STREED, CARL G	BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER
MH120776-05S1	Sleep Disturbance and Emotion Regulation Brain Dysfunction as Mechanisms of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Alzheimers Dementia	GOLDSTEIN-PIEKARSKI, ANDREA	STANFORD UNIVERSITY
MH130981-03S1	Evolutionary Pathways of Memory: Multiomic Analysis of the Entorhinal Cortex across Mammals.	LEIN, ED	ALLEN INSTITUTE
MH130981-03S2	Functionally guided adult whole brain cell atlas in human and NHP	LEIN, ED	ALLEN INSTITUTE
MH133351-02	Interactions between motor learning and episodic memory	GASSER, CAMILLE	COLUMBIA UNIV NEW YORK MORNINGSID
NS101483-06	Reducing Disparities in Dementia and VCID Outcomes in a Multicultural Rural Population	GALVIN, JAMES E	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
AG079217-03S2	Targeting Microglial Lipoprotein Lipase in Alzheimers Disease	BRUCE, KIMBERLEY D	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Pediatric Cancer

Project Number	Title	PI Name	Institution
CA247943-04S1	Aberrant STAT Function in CEBPA-mutant Acute Myeloid Leukemia	MAXSON, JULIA E	OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
CA276215-02S1	Sustainability determinants of an intervention to identify clinical deterioration and improve childhood cancer survival in low-resource hospitals	AGULNIK, ASYA	ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

Congenital Heart Disease

Project Number	Title	PI Name	Institution
MD019298-02	Transforming Care Delivery Models for at-Risk Young Adult Patients with Congenital Heart Disease and Amplifying Research Efforts to Improve Health Equity in Pediatric Chronic Disease Care	LOPEZ, KEILA NATILDE	BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE