

# NCI Legislative Update

## National Cancer Advisory Board

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# Today's Talk

- Deadlines & Legislative Complications
- Potential Outcomes for FY24 Appropriations
- Congressional Engagement

# HOW NCI RECEIVES ITS FUNDING



## STEP 1

The White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) coordinates with federal agencies to formulate the President's Budget, which covers all federal agencies, including the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), and reflects the President's priorities. The President submits the budget to Congress, which must pass appropriations legislation that funds federal agencies.



## STEP 2

The Congressional appropriations committees consider the President's Budget as they prepare appropriations legislation for the next fiscal year.

We are (still) here



## STEP 3

The appropriations committees finalize their legislative proposals, and the House and Senate consider the proposed legislation. Once passed and reconciled into a unified bill, Congress sends the legislation to the President.



## STEP 4

The President signs the appropriations bill into law, making funds available to executive agencies, including NCI and NIH.

### **NCI Professional Judgment Authority**

The National Cancer Act of 1971 gives the NCI Director special authority to submit an annual professional judgment budget directly to the President for review and delivery to Congress. This budget reflects NCI cancer research priorities and identifies areas of potential investment in cancer research.

# Legislative Complications

- **House on the Rocks**
  - Procedural complications with just a 2-vote majority. Failed votes for Mayorkas impeachment & Israel aid bill. Will have to rely on Dems to pass FY2024 spending bills.
- **Immigration/Foreign Aid Supplemental Failed**
  - \$118 Billion Senate immigration/foreign aid deal failed after losing GOP support. Implications for FY2024 spending bills (less to go around).
- **Tax Deal**
  - \$79 Billion family and business tax deal (including SBIR fix but not SALT provisions) - passed House 357-70, awaiting Senate action).



Rep. Al Green (D-TX) - left his hospital bed to vote against impeachment

# FY2024 Appropriations

- **June 2023 – Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) enacted**
  - Suspended the debt limit until 2025
  - Set budget caps for FY2024 (flat, except for + 3% for defense as requested in PB) and FY2025 (+1%)
  - Includes a penalty (“stick”) to incentivize completion
    - if any of the 12 spending bills are not completed by April 30, a 1% cut will be applied to defense and non-defense discretionary funding (sequester)
    - Some programs are exempt from sequester (e.g., VA) increasing burden for others
    - OMB implements sequester

FY23 Enacted		FY24 POTUS Budget	FY24 House <sup>1</sup> In process	FY24 Senate <sup>2</sup> In process
<b>NIH</b>	<b>\$47.68 B</b> (+\$2.5 B)	<b>\$48.60 B</b> (+\$920 M proposed)	<b>\$44.70 B</b> (-\$2.99 B)	<b>\$47.81 B</b> (+\$126.3 M)
<b>NCI</b>	<b>\$7.32 B</b> (+ \$386 M base) \$216M for Moonshot	<b>\$7.82 B</b> (Sustain \$216 M + \$500 M for MS)	<b>\$7.10 B</b> <b>(-\$216 M)</b>	<b>\$7.38 B</b> <b>(+ \$216 M)</b> (+\$60 M)
<b>ARPA-H</b>	<b>\$1.5 B</b> (+\$0.5 B)	<b>\$2.5 B</b> (+\$1 B proposed)	<b>\$500 M</b> (-\$1 B)	<b>\$1.5 B</b> (flat)



- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) – Ranking Member, House Appropriations Full Committee and LHHS Subcommittee
- Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) – Ranking Member, LHHS
- Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) – LHHS Appropriations
- Senator John Boozman (R-AR) – LHHS Appropriations
- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) – LHHS Appropriations

# Congressional Briefings

Neurofibromatosis Briefing – Jan 12  
Dr. Taylor Sundby (CCR, POB)

**National Cancer Institute**  
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NCI's Dr. Taylor Sundby was thrilled to present ongoing research on neurofibromatosis during today's congressional briefing. Thank you, @RepGallagher, @SenatorBaldwin, @repmarkpocan, and @LittlestTumor for your continued advocacy on this vital issue! @NCI\_CCR\_PedOnc #endNF

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National Cancer Prevention Briefing – Feb 6  
Dr. Vik Sahasrabuddhe (DCP) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)







House Ways & Means Hearing on Drug Shortages  
February 6, 2024

# Questions?

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