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HEADLINE: 500 Health Groups Urge President, Congress to Add More Money to **NIH** Budget (1/2)

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BODY:

The following statement and letter were released today by the **American Cancer Society** (part 1 of 2):

Today, 500 health organizations joined together to send a loud and clear message to the President and Congress that the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2004 budget for the National Institutes of Health (**NIH**) falls dramatically short of what is needed to prevent, detect and treat deadly diseases.

"Proposed funding levels threaten medical research progress," the groups wrote in a letter delivered to the President and Members of Congress on July 9, 2003. "We urge the House and Senate to add more money for the National Institutes of Health. Make saving lives and improving our nation's health a top funding priority."

In addition to the joint letter, the groups will place national advertising and coordinate grassroots activities targeted to Congress as lawmakers vote on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriation bills.

A copy of the letter with signatories follows this release.

URGENT HEALTH FUNDING CRISIS
July 9, 2003

Dear President Bush and Members of Congress:

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Sincerely, 500 Health Organizations

AAALAC International, AARP, AcademyHealth, Administrators of Internal Medicine, Advanced Medical Technology Association, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine, Alliance for Aging Research (AFAR), Alliance for Lupus Research, Alpha 1 Foundation, Alpha 1 Association, Alzheimer's Association, Ambulatory Pediatric Association, America's Blood Centers, American Academy of Dermatology Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Neurology, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Academy of Otolaryngology, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Physical Medicine and

Rehabilitation, American Association for Cancer Research, American Association for Dental Research, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association for Vascular Surgery, American Association of Anatomists, American Association of Blood Banks, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Association of Immunologists, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, **American Cancer Society**, American College of Cardiology, American College of Chest Physicians, American College of Medical Genetics, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Surgeons, American Dental Association, American Dental Education Association, American Diabetes Association, American Federation for Aging Research, American Foundation for Urologic Disease, American Geriatrics Society, American Heart Association, American Institute for Medical and Biological, Engineering, American Lung Association, American Medical Association, American Neurological Association, American Pediatric Society, American Physical Therapy Association, American Physiological Society, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Society, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, American Society for Clinical Nutrition, American Society for Microbiology, American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, American Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology, American Society for Virology, American Society of Hematology, American Society of Human Genetics, American Society of Hypertension, Inc., American Society of Nephrology, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, American Stroke Association, American Thoracic Society, American Tinnitus Association, American Urological Association, Americans for Medical Progress, Amgen, Inc., Assoc. of Anatomy, Cell Biology & Neurobiology Chairpersons, Association for Medical School Pharmacology, Association of Academic Health Centers, Association of American Cancer Institutes, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association of American Universities, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Association of Anesthesiology Program Directors, Association of Black Cardiologists, Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology, Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, Association of Community Cancer Centers, Association of Independent Research Institutes, Association of Medical School Microbiology/Immunology Chairs, Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Association of Professors of Dermatology Association of Professors of Medicine, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, Association of Subspecialty Professors, Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Athena Diagnostics, Aurora Economic Development Council, Avalon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Aventis Pharmaceuticals;

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