

# REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL TEMPLATE

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The following is a template of a letter you can send to your representative or senator in Congress. It must be customized to your interest by completing the [italicized boxes]. They can then be sent by email/online form or used for talking points in a call. Find your representative [here](#), and search for their stance on scientific funding to personalize the letter.

This letter is intended as a **template** only. You should adapt it in whatever way feels most appropriate for your outreach. The message should reflect your own voice, views, priorities, and style as a constituent. You may choose a more formal, personal, or direct tone depending on what feels right to you. **It is not an official letter from NPA.**

The most important thing is to make your ask clear early in the message. In the **first paragraph**, we recommend that you state:

1. that you are a constituent, and
2. what action you want the member to take, such as support high funding levels for science.

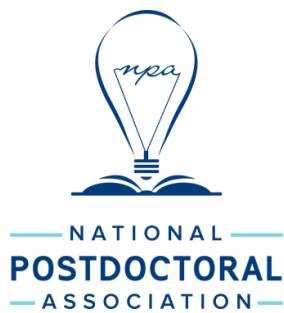
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*SUBJ: URGENT - Protect Federal Science and Research Funding*

Dear Representative/Senator [**last name**],

As a constituent from [**name of town where you live**], I work as a [**fill in title, "postdoc," "office leader," etc.**] at [**place of work**], working on [**fill in your area of work**]. I am writing to ask you to support higher funding levels for science and research. I am greatly concerned that the United States is risking its position as a global leader in scientific progress and research due to the proposed federal budgets for FY2027. [**Suggested fill-in: If writing to a Senator/Representative with a record of supporting science and research funding, include: I want to express my appreciation for your support of scientific research and commitment to advancing innovation and discovery**].

I urge you to oppose budget proposals that undermine the scientific and research enterprise. The President's FY2027 Budget proposes significant cuts to federal research agencies, including approximately a 12% cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a 55% cut to the National Science Foundation (NSF). These cuts come as China outpaced the United States in total R&D expenditure for the first time in 2024, investing at a rate nearly 3 times (9.7% versus 3.4%), and continues to attract top talent from all over the world. These proposed cuts to federal research risk contributing to a growing brain drain, with top U.S.-based scientists and Nobel laureates leaving the country, as well as reducing the nation's ability to attract top early-career researchers to American institutions.



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*Sustained investment in science and research is not a luxury - it is a strategic investment in America's security, global competitiveness, and public well-being. As a member of the [National Postdoctoral Association](#), I believe postdoctoral researchers are at the forefront of scientific discovery, working on innovative projects that improve health, create jobs, and boost local economies. My work - and that of my 72,000 other postdoc colleagues - not only contributes to the development of new technologies and scientific breakthroughs, but also fuels the overall competitiveness of the United States.*

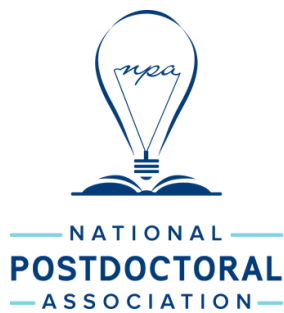
*Federal research funding also drives economic activity far beyond the laboratory. According to [United for Medical Research](#), every dollar invested in NIH generates approximately \$2.56 in economic activity and supports nearly 400,000 jobs nationwide. When these investments are reduced, the damage extends to jobs, training opportunities, and the broader scientific workforce, including postdocs and other early-career researchers.*

***[Insert personal story or district-specific impact - e.g., "In my district, the biomedical research sector supports X number of jobs and contributes approximately \$Y million annually to the local economy. Supporting science funding directly sustains these jobs and promotes economic resilience." Utilize the [NIH by state reports](#), [NIH impact news](#), [FASEB Funding Data](#), or [NSF fact sheets](#)]***

*I urge you to stand firmly in support of scientific research funding and to oppose any proposed budgets that might impede progress in this essential area. By doing so, you will help support the people, institutions, and research efforts that contribute to a stronger economic future for our community and our country.*

Sincerely,  
***[Your name and title]***  
***[Your home address]***  
***[Your email address]***  
***[Your preferred phone number]***

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## Call script talking points:

- Hello, my name is **[your name]**, and I am a constituent from **[town where you live]**.
- I work as a **[your title]**, and my work contributes to **[insert story about impact of job, e.g., contributes to technological advancements related to diabetes research]**
- I'm calling to express concern about proposed budget cuts to NIH and NSF in FY2027- by up to 12% and 55%, respectively.
- Stable funding for science is vital for our economy, health, and national security.
- For example, every dollar invested in NIH generates approximately **\$2.56 in economic activity** and supports over **400,000 jobs nationwide**.
- **[Insert personal story of work impacted or district-specific impact - e.g., "In my district, the biomedical research sector supports X number of jobs and contributes approximately \$Y million annually to the local economy."]**
- Please oppose budget cuts to NIH, NSF, and other vital research agencies.
- Thank you for your leadership and hard work. I hope you will stand with scientists and researchers for our future.