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Dear New York Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Business Council of New York State, Long Island Association, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, and leading business and economic advocacy groups from every corner of our state, we write to express our strong opposition to the proposed funding cuts for all National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants. Your leadership is crucial to safeguarding the institutions that power our state's economy and workforce. We urge you to take immediate action in opposing the implementation of this harmful policy.

New York is home to some of the nation's most innovative research institutions, which collectively receive over \$3.5 billion in NIH funding that supports more than 250 entities across our state. Our members rely on these institutions to build a qualified workforce and to conduct critical research that drives industry innovation.

As the second-largest recipient of NIH funding, New York's research institutions are at the heart of biomedical and healthcare innovations, particularly in academic medical centers and cancer research facilities. These entities are crucial for the continued development of cutting-edge therapies and treatments. The Greater New York Hospital Association has estimated that implementing this funding cap could lead to a loss of up to \$850 million in state research funding, a blow that would undermine New York's economic growth, its medical innovations, and its capacity to support a healthy workforce.

In addition, for example, The State University of New York (SUNY) reports that their institutions are at risk of losing \$79 million in research funding if the cap is implemented. This is funding that the University at Buffalo uses to detect and prevent major causes of diseases and death in women, Stony Brook University uses to support research connected to monitoring and treating 9/11 first responders, Downstate Health Sciences University uses to improve therapies for treating breast cancer, and Upstate Medical University uses to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease. This impacts public and private institutions alike. At Clarkson University in Potsdam, NIH funding is helping develop innovative ways to detect breast cancer, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy researchers are ensuring we are at the forefront of using AI to improve health outcomes, and at Albert Einstein in the Bronx, their research into better understanding aging aims to improve quality of life for older Americans.

The impact of these cuts will be far-reaching. Without proper funding, businesses across New York could see significant challenges in employee health access. Companies rely on the medical advancements fostered by these institutions to provide affordable, effective healthcare solutions, improving employee wellness and reducing healthcare-related expenses. Any setbacks in research could also lead to increased costs, delays in medical breakthroughs, and a decline in the availability of life-saving therapies.

We strongly urge you to stand with the business community in opposing this harmful 15 percent cap, as it will have long-lasting negative consequences for workforce health, economic growth, and the future of medical research. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We

are hopeful that you will be a steadfast advocate for protecting these critical programs that support both our economy and the health of our workforce.

Sincerely,



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