



# UAW ACTION GUIDE

## STAND UP FOR OUR LOVED ONES: NIH CUTS ARE A DIRECT ATTACK ON JOBS, INNOVATION, AND LIFE-SAVING RESEARCH

*Reckless cuts lead to unnecessary lives lost.*

### UAW VALUES:

The Trump administration's decision to slash the National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding is a gut punch to scientific progress, economic growth, and the fight against deadly diseases. Cutting research on cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's isn't "efficient"—it's economically reckless and inhumane. These cuts will shut down promising medical breakthroughs, slam the brakes on clinical trials, destroy jobs, and gut university research programs where thousands of UAW members across the country work every day to advance life-saving discoveries.

Trump claims this will "save money," but the truth is every NIH dollar invested in research generates two and a half times its value in economic activity. Gutting NIH funding is not savings—it's sabotage. To ensure these cuts are reversed, UAW demands immediate action from Congress before they wreak havoc on the working class, scientific innovation, and the future of public health.

### THE FACTS:

**FACT: President Trump and billionaire Elon Musk are defunding our ability to lead the world in medical innovation.**

The NIH is the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, and it anchors the United States' role as a global leader in health science. Breakthroughs from NIH-supported research have led to lifesaving advancements in medicine that Americans rely on every day. Research supported or funded by the NIH contributed to:

- development of the first artificial heart valves;
- medication to treat type 2 diabetes;
- diagnosis and treatment options for congenital heart disease;
- preventive screenings for breast, ovarian, prostate, pancreatic, and many more forms of cancer;
- immunotherapies for 15 different types of cancers;
- treatments for autoimmune disorders;
- antiretroviral therapy for those with HIV;
- diagnostic tools and treatments for common causes of blindness; and so much more

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**FACT: Tens of thousands of UAW members are at risk of losing their jobs if these cuts continue.**

Trump and his billionaire backers are scheming to cut billions from the National Institutes of Health, over 10,000 UAW members are dependent on these critical grants. UAW families will be hurt by cutting this critical research, and lives will be lost. UAW members across the country work as researchers on projects funded by the NIH to advance life-saving discoveries on cancer, heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's and more. These cuts will shut down promising medical breakthroughs and destroy UAW member jobs. UAW families will be hurt, and lives will be lost.

**FACT: Funding for NIH creates good paying jobs for hard working Americans and boosts the economy.**

Scientific discoveries funded by the NIH spur downstream innovation, creating jobs and promoting economic growth: in 2024 alone, every dollar invested in the NIH resulted in \$2.56, a 156% increase in economic activity and NIH funding supported over 400,000 jobs.

By cutting funds to lifesaving research and medical care, the Trump administration is abandoning families who are suffering and costing taxpayers billions of dollars. These cuts are dangerous to our health, and dangerous to our economy. Together, working people have an opportunity to fight back and have a voice in our healthcare.

**TAKE ACTION: STAND UP FOR UAW FAMILIES  
& LIFE-SAVING RESEARCH**

**UAW members say: STOP THE CUTS AND STAND UP FOR OUR LOVED ONES.**

Contact your representative today. Let them know we oppose cuts to the NIH! Say no to cuts to the life-saving research!

