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## AIRI Statement on Recent Disruptions to Scientific Research

The recent actions taken by this Administration, including executive orders and staffing decisions, have raised significant concerns regarding their impact on the scientific research enterprise. The Association of Independent Research Institutions (AIRI) remains concerned that the proposed cuts to critical funding and staffing at key federal agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pose serious challenges to the future of scientific innovation and the well-being of American families.

We recognize the importance of ensuring that taxpayer dollars are invested wisely, and we are committed to working with the administration to achieve this goal. However, we believe that the proposed reductions in force and elimination of workforce initiatives, along with cuts to vital research funding, will significantly hinder progress in medical research, potentially slowing or halting the development of life-saving treatments and therapies.

Additionally, the disruptions that have caused agencies to fail to adhere to procedural requirements for administering research grants, is creating unnecessary uncertainty for researchers. We urge the administration to work to restore clarity and stability to these processes, which are vital for the ongoing success of U.S. research at our research institutions.

The future of American scientific leadership and public health is at a critical juncture, and AIRI is committed to advocating tirelessly for the continued support and growth of scientific research. We will continue to engage with policymakers, raise awareness about the importance of robust funding for research, and work to ensure that scientific innovation remains a priority for the nation.

**Best regards,**

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