



# NIH and Congress

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# My Background

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Joined NIH in 2015

Senate Appropriations Committee 2001-2015

- Mostly on Subcommittee that funds NIH
- Negotiated many contentious programs including family planning and Obamacare implementation
- Managed the speakers in the Senate floor debate on Stem Cell Enhancement Act of 2005

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) personal office 1999-2001

Master's in Theological Studies from Vanderbilt Divinity School

# 2019 = Rebuilding Year

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21% of Congress is new

## Education Campaign

10 new Senators  
100 new Representatives

## Champion Development

Need to replace lost  
champions



# 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

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~~103~~ 84 Women serve in the House

~~24~~ 23 Women serve in the Senate

~~77~~ 79 Veterans serve in the House

~~18~~ 17 Veterans serve in the Senate

~~35~~ 29 Physicians & Scientists serve

## Profile of the 35

- 18 physicians – 2 Senate, 16 House
- 5 dentists – House
- 3 veterinarians – House
- 2 physical scientists – House
- 2 psychologists – House
- 3 nurses – House
- 1 optometrist – Senate
- 1 pharmacist – House

# NIH Policy Makers

	House	Senate
Appropriation	<b>Labor, HHS, &amp; Education</b> Chair Rosa DeLauro (CT) Ranking Tom Cole (OK)	<b>Labor, HHS, &amp; Education</b> Chair Roy Blunt (MO) Ranking Patty Murray (WA)
Authorization	<b>Energy &amp; Commerce</b> Chairman Frank Pallone (NJ) Ranking Greg Walden (OR) <i>Health Subcommittee</i> <b>Chair Anne Eshoo (CA)</b> Ranking Dr. Mike Burgess (TX)	<b>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</b> Chairman Lamar Alexander (TN) Ranking Patty Murray (WA)

# Appropriations Update

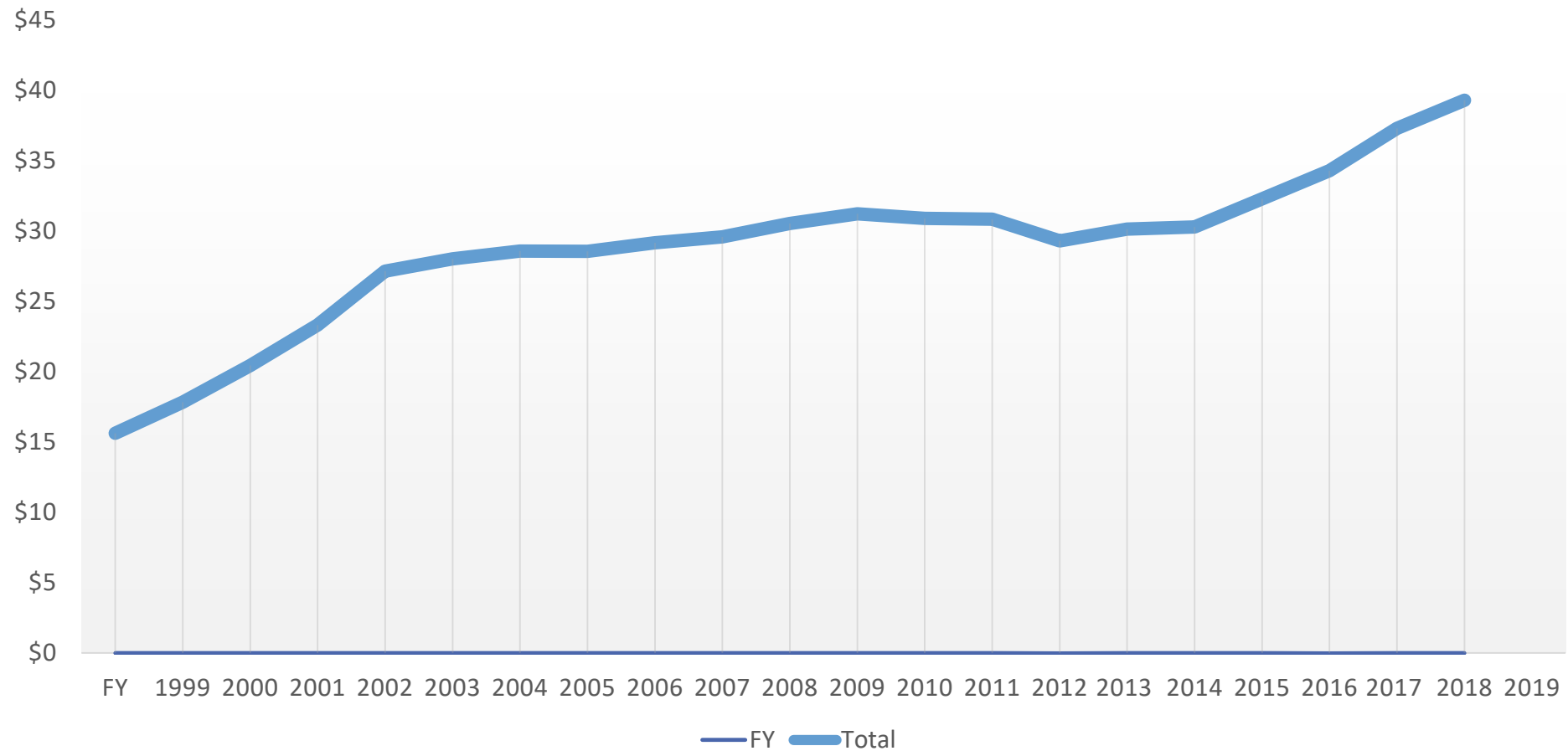
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House + \$2 billion  
Senate + \$3 billion

Continuing Resolution ends Nov 21<sup>st</sup>

# NIH Appropriations

nominal \$ in billions



# Hot Topics

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Foreign Influence

Sexual Harassment

Health Disparities

Maternal Mortality



# NIH Oversight

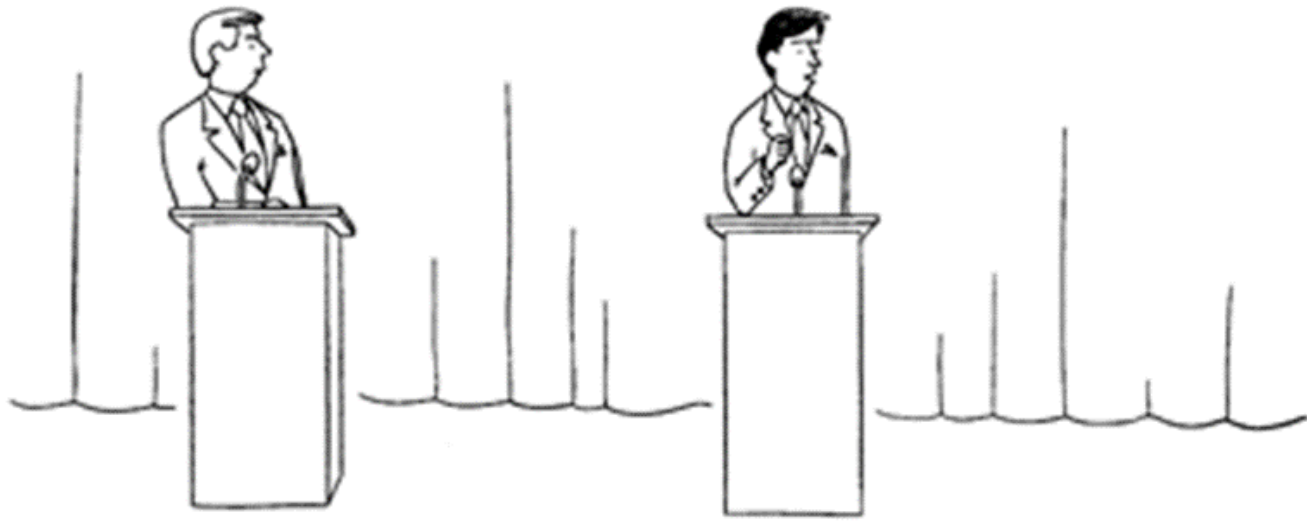
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	House	Senate
Government wide	<b>Government Reform &amp; Oversight</b> Chairman Elijah Cummings (MD)* Ranking Jim Jordan (OH)	<b>Homeland Security &amp; Government Reform</b> Chairman Ron Johnson (WI) Ranking Gary Peters (MI)
Authorization	<b>Subcmte on Oversight &amp; Investigations</b> Chairman Diana DeGette (CO) Ranking Brett Guthrie (R-KY)	<b>HELP Committee</b> <i>Oversight at Full Cmte level</i> Chairman Lamar Alexander (TN) Ranking Patty Murray (WA)



# Fall Schedule

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# Questions?

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*“That’s an excellent prescreened question, but before I give you my stock answer I’d like to try to disarm everyone with a carefully rehearsed joke.”*

# *Pace of Change*

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## *Change in Control of House, Senate and/or White House*

**1960** 1962 1964 1966 **1968** 1970 1972 1974 **1976** 1978

**1980** 1982 1984 **1986** 1988 1990 **1992 1994** 1996 1998

**2000 2002** 2004 **2006 2008 2010** 2012 **2014 2016 2018**