



# RESEARCH FUNDING IN A TIME OF FISCAL CHAOS

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# Research!America: 24 Years of Putting Research on the Public Agenda



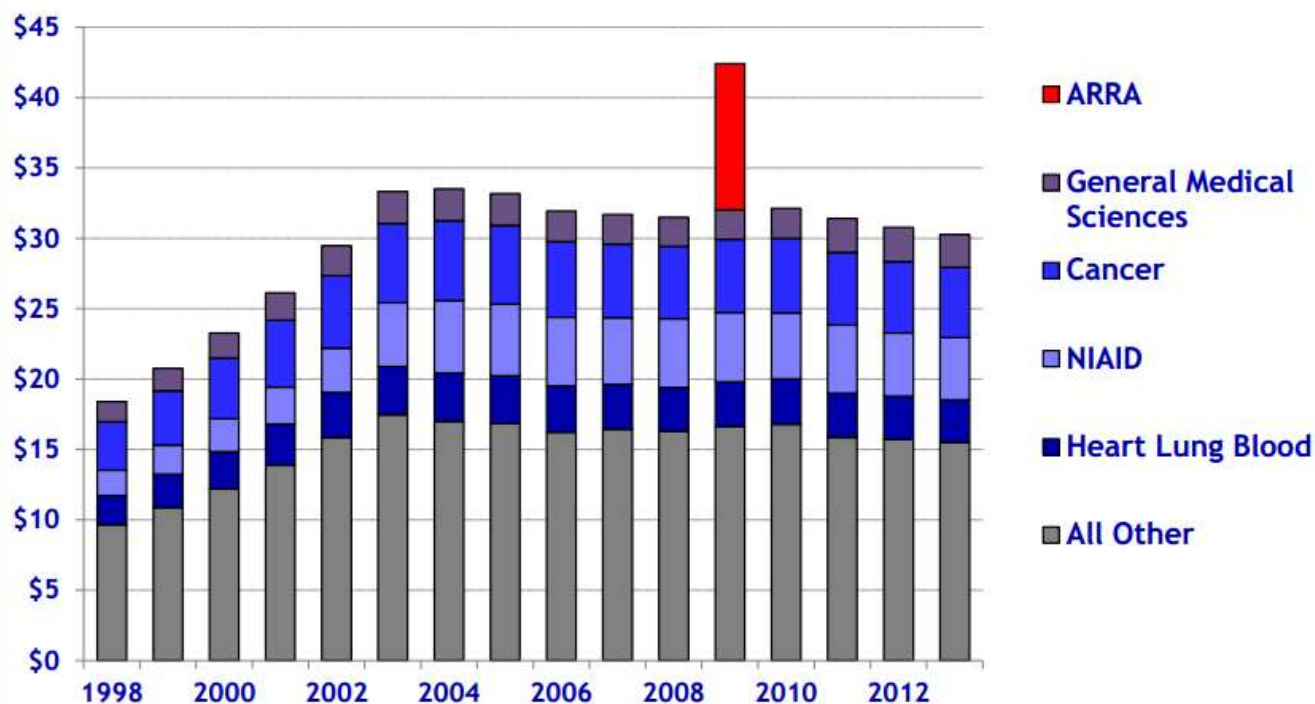
# Making Health Research A Higher Priority



# Research!America's Greatest Hits:

## National Institutes of Health Budget, 1998-2013

budget authority in billions of constant FY 2012 dollars



Source: AAAS Report: Research and Development series and agency budget documents. FY 2012 and FY 2013 figures are latest estimates.

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# Unprecedented Opportunities for Breakthroughs

The New York Times

## DNA Test for Rare Disorders Becomes More Routine



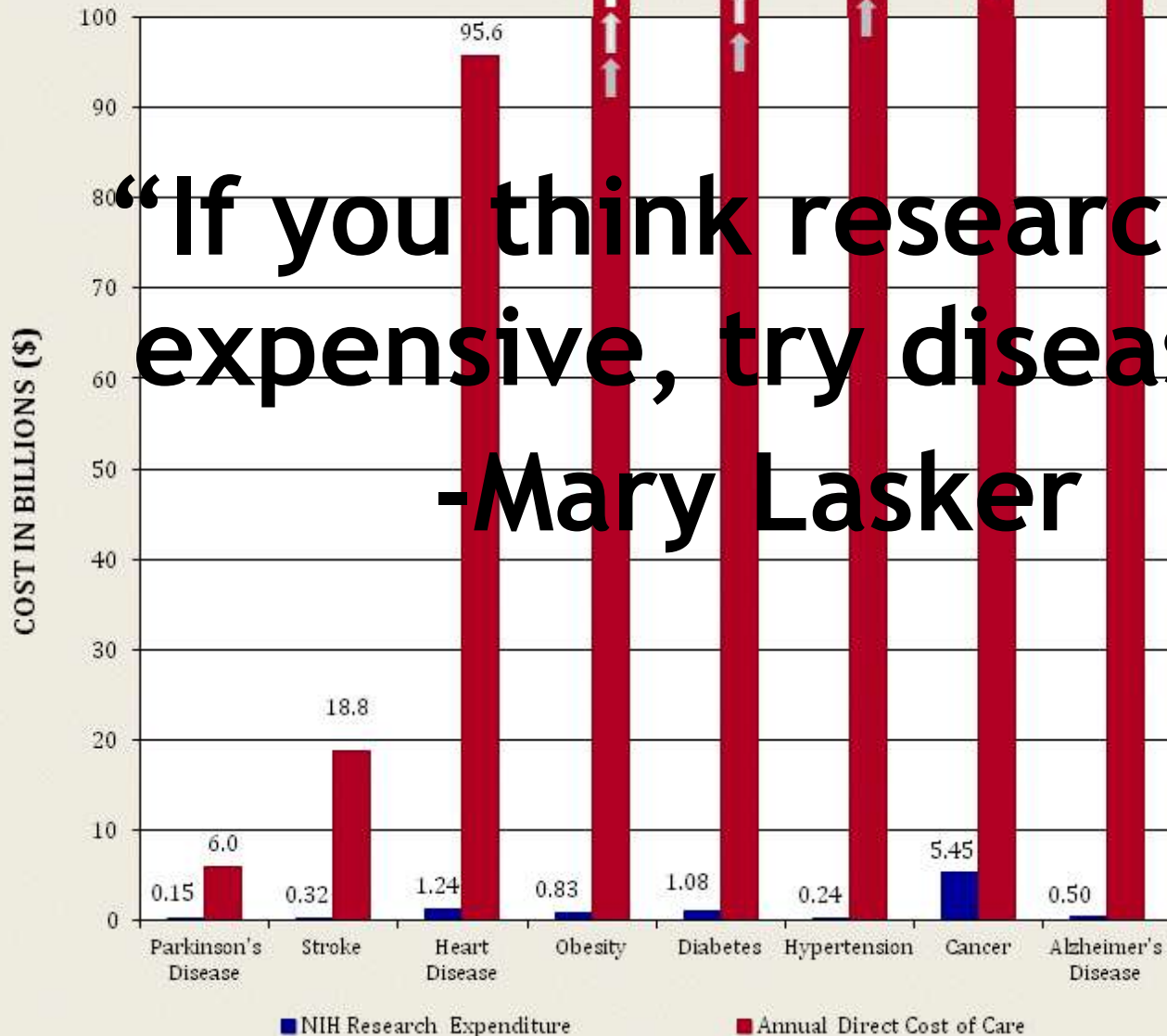
Matt Roth for The New York Times

Sam Bosley of Frederick, Md., going shopping with his daughter, Lillian, 13, who has a malformed brain and severe developmental delays, seizures and vision problems. [More Photos »](#)

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# NIH Research Funding and Annual Cost of Care for Major Diseases in the U.S. (FY 2012)



**“If you think research is expensive, try disease.”**

**-Mary Lasker**

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# Sequestration: Health Research at the Breaking Point

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# Research At the Breaking Point

## AGENCY

**[-]5.1% SEQUESTER**

**National Institutes of Health**

**\$1,560,000,000**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**\$288,000,000**

**Food and Drug Administration**

**\$195,000,000**

**National Science Foundation**

**\$359,000,000**

**TOTAL**

**\$2,402,000,000**

These estimates are based on FY12 funding levels.



# Rare Disease Impact

- NIH FY 2013 estimate on rare disease research: \$3.5 B\*
- Sequestration could reduce spending by \$179M!

[\\*http://report.nih.gov/categorical\\_spending.aspx](http://report.nih.gov/categorical_spending.aspx)

Week of Advocacy for Medical Research:  
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**WE NEED**



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WARNING: washington  
politics just might kill you

**NOT CUTS**



# Get Engaged

- Contact Your Representatives:
  - Call, Email, Tweet, Facebook
  - Even better: In-Person Meeting (DC or in-district)
- Engage the Media
  - Op-ed
  - Letter to the Editor
- Join Research!America
- [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org)

# Handling Pushback

- Avoid traps that get you ‘off message’
- You are an expert on rare diseases and related issues - stick to what you know
- Cutting medical research is not a deficit reduction strategy!
- Follow-up - build a relationship

# Thanks for listening!

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