



April 28, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
 House Majority Leader
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 House Majority Whip
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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
 Ranking Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee
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The Honorable Jason Smith
 Chair, House Ways & Means Committee
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The Honorable Richard Neal
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cc: Senate Majority Leader John Thune and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

RE: Support Women’s Health Research and Innovation – Pass the MINI Act (H.R. 1672)

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Scalise, Majority Whip Emmer, Chairman Guthrie, Chairman Smith, Minority Leader Jeffries, Ranking Member Pallone, and Ranking Member Neal:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our strong support for increased investment in women’s health research and innovation. Women’s health has long been under-funded and under-researched, leading to significant gaps in diagnosis, treatment, and overall health outcomes.¹ We urge Congress to prioritize policies that advance research, expand access to new therapies, and foster innovation in critical areas impacting millions of women across the country.

¹ Women’s Health Concerns Are Often Dismissed - HealthyWomen. Published August 23, 2023. <https://www.healthywomen.org/your-health/womens-health-concerns-are-often-dismissed>

Women represent over half of the U.S. population, yet research specific to women’s health conditions remains disproportionately underfunded.² Despite significant advancements, there are persistent disparities in areas such as cardiovascular health, rare diseases, neurological conditions, and pediatric diseases, many of which uniquely or disproportionately impact women. Maintaining funding for research is essential to closing these gaps and driving forward lifesaving innovations. Additionally, we urge Congress to support policies that support women’s health and their capacity as caregivers.

The **Maintaining Investments in New Innovation (MINI) Act** ([H.R.1672](#)) would ensure continued investment in groundbreaking treatments for cardiovascular health, rare diseases, neurological conditions, and pediatric diseases by mitigating unintended consequences of the Inflation Reduction Act that could jeopardize the future of medical innovation. By encouraging a robust research ecosystem, this legislation would help advance the development of therapies for conditions affecting women and children suffering from diseases that do not currently have treatments. Moreover, the treatments affected by this legislation ease the burden on caregivers—primarily women—by reducing medical visits, crises, side effects, and costs, ultimately improving both their own well-being and that of their loved ones.

We encourage congressional action on the following priorities:

- **Cardiovascular Health:** Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death among women, yet it is often underdiagnosed and undertreated. Increased funding for heart disease research and targeted public health initiatives are crucial to improving outcomes.³
- **Rare Diseases:** Many rare diseases impact women disproportionately or uniquely, yet research and therapeutic development remain limited.⁴ Strengthening policies that support rare disease innovation and access to treatments, such as the MINI Act, is vital.
- **Neurological Conditions:** Women are at higher risk for diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, and migraines, yet funding for these conditions does not reflect the burden of disease.⁵ More resources are needed to improve early detection and treatment.
- **Pediatric Health:** Investing in research and programs that address pediatric diseases is critical to ensuring healthy outcomes for future generations.

We are committed to working with you to advance policies that prioritize women’s health and strengthen our nation’s commitment to medical innovation. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to this important issue. We look forward to your support and to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,
HealthyWomen

Aimed Alliance
Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention
American Brain Coalition
American Sexual Health Association

² Gordon D. It’s Long Past Time to Invest in Women’s Health. HealthyWomen. Published June 16, 2021. <https://www.healthywomen.org/your-care/past-time-invest-womens-health>

³ Why Don’t Women Get the Same Treatment for Heart Disease as Men? - HealthyWomen. Published February 22, 2023. <https://www.healthywomen.org/condition/heart-disease-in-women-treatment>

⁴ Froeber J. Rare Diseases 101. HealthyWomen. Published January 22, 2025. <https://www.healthywomen.org/rare-diseases>

⁵ Women's Brain Project. *Sex and Gender Differences in Brain and Mental Health: The Economic Case for Research Investment and Policy Change*. Economist Impact; 2023. Accessed April 2, 2025. https://impact.economist.com/perspectives/sites/default/files/womensbrainproject_report_230306.pdf

American Society for Preventive Cardiology
Amputee Coalition
Association of Black Cardiologists
Autoimmune Association
Black Heart Association
Eosinophilic & Rare Disease Cooperative
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
Family Heart Foundation
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research (FSR)
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Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
RetireSafe
Sjogren's Foundation
Spina Bifida Association
StopAfib.org
The Mended Hearts, Inc.
Vasculitis Foundation
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease