

Deliberative Interim Support
LETTER OF SUPPORT: Questions to be addressed

The Letter of Support must address the following questions for each application:

1. Please comment on the potential consequences of the specific cutbacks (i.e., non-salary and salary effects; for salary effects, please detail how many lab members are affected and how essential they are to the project).
2. How will the funds be used? (Salary support for PI and/or other staff; assist with experiments essential to resubmission of the application).
3. How and why is this research important to the department and/or the thematic center (the merit/value to the department/center/hospital)?
4. Please discuss the PI's career trajectory and his/her importance to the institution (including if this project or resource is a critical aspect of a collaborative research effort). For investigators transitioning from K awards or other mentored awards, please also discuss independence.
5. Please detail current financial resources available to the PI for this project. In addition, please clarify the following possible alternative sources of support:
 - A. Does the PI have his/her own funding (include startup money and/or sundry funds)?
 - B. What other resources does the PI have access to (including departmental funds)?

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