

Attention DRRC Members and All NIDILRR Supporters:

The Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition (DRRC) requests you to review the letter in this link <https://forms.gle/9DjbzxQ66KeQZe6k7> to determine whether you are willing to sign on to support full funding for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) in Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

NIDILRR is under serious threat and a showing of broad support from researchers, universities, research institutions, clinicians, providers, and especially rehabilitation, disability and independent living organizations would significantly help our prospects for funding NIDILRR at sufficient levels in the coming fiscal year. Although there are also threats to restructuring NIDILRR, this letter focuses only on funding levels for FY 2026.

We would like all DRRC members to use the Google link above to sign on.

We would also encourage all DRRC organizations to distribute this request widely to your research networks, as soon as possible. For those who support full funding of NIDILRR, the letter can be signed in a variety of ways, either on behalf of your organization or as an individual with your title, city and state, all through the Google link above. We hope the option of signing as an individual will open up this letter to support from individual researchers who may not be able to sign on behalf of their university or research institution.

Please note the deadline of Thursday, May 29th, at 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Thank you.

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