

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Chair
Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Ranking Member
Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

October 17, 2023

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Sanders, and Ranking Member Cassidy:

The undersigned non-profit organizations strongly affirm our support for President Biden's nomination of Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and urge her rapid confirmation.

Dr. Bertagnolli is exceptionally qualified and the ideal candidate to lead the NIH today in expanding and strengthening its role supporting research fundamental to overcoming diseases that rob the American people of hope, capacity, and time. As a leading scientist, clinical trialist, physician, and surgeon — and a patient herself — Dr. Bertagnolli genuinely understands the intricacies and personal impact of medical research.

Dr. Bertagnolli will bring the experience and leadership that are necessary to guide the NIH into the future and to accelerate discovery, innovation, and treatments in a new era of research for patients and public health.

The United States remains the world's preeminent biomedical, behavioral, and social science research power, and the NIH is central to this history and to our future. We must not lose momentum. We have full confidence in Dr. Bertagnolli and respectfully ask the Senate HELP Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm her as the next director of the NIH.

Sincerely,

Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
Accessia Health
ACT for NIH
Alliance for Aging Research

American Anthropological Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Immunologists
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Radiology
American Institute for Cancer Research
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Public Health Association
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for Women in Science
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Biophysical Society
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center
Case Western Reserve University
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Consortium of Social Science Associations
COPD Foundation
CT Center for Patient Safety
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Duke Health
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

Emory University
Entomological Society of America
Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE)
FASEB
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of Cancer Research
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Good Days
Hope Charities
Hydrocephalus Association
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
JDRF
KidneyCAN
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Living Beyond Breast Cancer
LUNGeivity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lymphatic Education and Research Network
Materials Research Society
Melanoma Research Alliance
Melanoma Research Foundation
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor Research and Support, Inc.
Michelson Center for Public Policy
MRSA Survivors Network
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Brain Tumor Society
National Center for Health Research
National Disease Research Interchange
National Eating Disorders Association
National Pancreas Foundation
National Postdoctoral Association
National Scleroderma Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
New York State Academic Dental Centers
North American Vascular Biology Organization
NTM Info & Research

NYU Langone Health
Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Personalized Medicine Coalition
PHA Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Princeton University
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Research Advocacy Network
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Sleep Research Society
Society of Vacuum Coaters
Solving Kids' Cancer
St. Baldrick's Foundation
The American Psychosomatic Society
The American Society for Cell Biology
The Lasker Foundation
The State University of New York (SUNY)
Transcend4Good
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado System
University of Oregon
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
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