



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Dear Dr. Bhattacharya:

As you assume your new role as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the undersigned organizations representing patients, scientists, clinicians, research and academic institutions, and industry write to invite you to meet with the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, a coalition of stakeholder groups dedicated to enhancing the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research supported by NIH.

Our community is eager to find opportunities to work together to make America healthy again and to advance the priorities you outlined for NIH in your confirmation hearing. We hope you agree that there is opportunity for our organizations to leverage our expertise in support of aligned areas of interest and action, such as combatting chronic disease and supporting early career researchers. To that end, we welcome the opportunity to hear directly from you about your vision for the agency and specific ways that our organizations can collaborate with you and your team on decisions affecting the agency and the medical research it supports nationwide.

We appreciate that in recent weeks, you have taken positive steps to alleviate bureaucratic burden on NIH staff, including by allowing them to resume their participation in scientific conferences and engagement with the NIH grantee community. At the same time, many of our organizations are strongly concerned about other actions, including many that predate your arrival at NIH, that have caused significant disruptions across the agency and its grantees and contractors. The concerns that such actions have felt abrupt, with no proper transition period or input from the community, are compounded by reports of significant additional changes to come.

Our community shares your goal of optimizing the federal investment in NIH, and many of our organizations have provided input to Congress to that end and look forward to working with you on improving NIH. While we all bring varied perspectives to that discussion, one unanimous point of agreement is that any reforms to the agency should build upon its longstanding track record of success and bipartisan support, rather than risk undermining and destabilizing it.

We believe you share this vision of ensuring that our medical research enterprise continues to thrive and that NIH remains the world's premier medical research agency. With that mutual interest and in the spirit of the transparency and deliberation that we all seek, we hope you will accept our invitation to engage with the Ad Hoc Group. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
ACT for NIH
Akari Foundation
AliveandKick'n
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM)
Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (ACCP)
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Auditory Society
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Cardiology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Physicians

American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Council on Education
American Diabetes Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Liver Foundation
American Massage Therapy Association
American Pancreatic Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Sexual Health Association
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association (AUA)
Americans for Medical Progress
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB)
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Biophysical Society
Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)
CACNA1A Foundation
Celiac Disease Foundation

Center for Endometriosis Care
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance
Children's Hospital Association
Chris CJ Johnson Foundation Inc
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
CURE Epilepsy
CURE GABA-A
Cure HHT
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream: Curing Stomach Cancer
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Emory University
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Genetic Alliance
Gerontological Society of America
Good Days
GRIN2B Foundation
Head for the Cure
HealthyWomen
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Inc
HIV Medicine Association
Hope for HIE
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Huntington Medical Research Institutes
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association of America, Inc.
Keck School of Medicine
Kidney Cancer Association
KrabbeConnect
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Lupus Foundation of America

M-CM Network
Marymount University
Massachusetts Society for Medical Research
Medical Library Association
Men's Health Network
METAvivor
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
MitoAction
MLD Foundation
Monell Chemical Senses Center
Monica Weldon Consulting LLC
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association of Veterans Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Eczema Association
National Health Council
National Kidney Foundation
National MS Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
NDRI
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
NORSE Institute
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Vascular Biology Organization
North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research
NYU Langone Health
Office of Research, Marymount University
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
Penn State Health
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PINK Concussions
PKD Foundation
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International

Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Renal Pathology Society
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Sanford Burnham Prebys
Sjogren's Foundation
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound
Susan G. Komen
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
The Judy Nicholson Foundation
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The Lundquist Institute
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network (#MEAAction)
The National Pancreas Foundation
The STARR Coalition
The University of Houston
TSC Alliance
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
University of Hawai'i System
University of Maryland, Baltimore
Usher Syndrome Coalition
v-ATPase Alliance
VentureWell
Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness Inc