

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Chair  
Senate HELP Committee  
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The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Ranking Member  
Senate HELP Committee  
United States Senate  
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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October 13, 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  
The American Psychosomatic Society  
American Public Health Association  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
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  
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  
Duke Health  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
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 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  
Personalized Medicine Coalition  
PHA Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Princeton University  
Project Sleep  
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 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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