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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,
[undersigned organizations]

126 Signatories as of May 8, 2025

Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
ACT for NIH
Akari Foundation
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance to Solve PANS & Immune-Related Encephalopathies
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American Diabetes Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Psychological Association Services
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
Americans for Medical Progress

Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
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
Biophysical Society
Center for Endometriosis Care
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance
Chris CJ Johnson Foundation Inc
Coalition of Skin Diseases
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
CURE Epilepsy
CURE GABA-A
Cure HHT
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Emory University
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Gerontological Society of America
Good Days
GRIN2B Foundation
HealthyWomen
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Inc
Hope for HIE
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association of America, Inc.
Keck School of Medicine
Kidney Cancer Association
Lupus Foundation of America
M-CM Network
Marymount University
Medical Library Association
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
Monell Chemical Senses Center

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
NDRI
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
NORSE Institute
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Vascular Biology Organization
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
Population Association of America
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Sanford Burnham Prebys
Sanford Burnham Prebys
Sjogren's Foundation
Society for Imaging Informatics in 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 Lundquist Institute
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network (#MEAAction)
The National Pancreas Foundation
The STARR Coalition

The University of Houston
TSC Alliance
University of Hawai'i System
Usher Syndrome Coalition
VentureWell