



## **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 (AACP)  
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