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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 biomedical research.

Dr. Bertagnolli will bring the experience and leadership that is 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 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,