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Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell,

On behalf of Research!America’s Board of Directors and alliance members, thank you for your leadership and longstanding commitment to strengthening U.S. science and technology in service to the public good.

In that context, we respectfully request that you act without delay to schedule a floor vote for the confirmation of Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

We firmly believe that Dr. Bertagnolli is the right leader at the right time to navigate the Institutes through a period in which the significance of scientific, medical, and public health progress has never been more apparent, the potential for leaps in that progress has never been greater, and threats to the funding and policies that empower that progress have never been more pronounced.

We understand that there are many competing requests and imperatives to consider as you schedule floor votes; please call on us if additional information would be useful in determining whether to accord priority to voting on Dr. Bertagnolli’s confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration, Leaders Schumer and McConnell, and please extend our thanks to your staff members for their efforts on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

Mary Woolley
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