



Note sent to all members of the U.S. Senate on Monday, November 6, 2023

I am writing on behalf of [Research!America](#), a national nonprofit and nonpartisan alliance advocating for the research needed to accelerate medical and public health progress. We understand that the Senate is scheduled to vote today on the confirmation of Dr. Monica Bertagnolli to serve as the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and respectfully request that you vote in favor of confirming Dr. Bertagnolli for this important role.

Dr. Bertagnolli joined the federal government in October 2022 when she was appointed [Director of the National Cancer Institute](#), the largest institute within NIH. As a highly respected surgeon and research leader, and as a cancer patient, Dr. Bertagnolli has demonstrated the vision, strengths, accountability, and heart this challenging leadership position demands.

Past public and private sector research investment has led to an unprecedented era of opportunity for urgently needed medical and public health progress. We know from more than [30 years of commissioning research-focused public opinion surveys](#) that the American people value this progress and, on a bipartisan basis, support taking action to accelerate it. We believe Dr. Bertagnolli is the right leader at the right time to ensure NIH fulfills its crucial role in the U.S. R&D ecosystem as our nation taps into this potential, multiplying the number and reach of long-awaited victories against deadly and debilitating health threats.

Thank you for considering our views and for your service to our nation, and please thank your staff members for their hard work on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Woolley".

Mary Woolley
President and CEO
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