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Senator Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
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Senator Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Senator Bernie Sanders
HELP Committee Chair
U.S. Senate
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Senator Bill Cassidy
HELP Committee Ranking Member
U.S. Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Sanders, and Ranking Member Cassidy:

The undersigned members of the Science and Technology Action Committee (STAC), 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.

As members of STAC — a non-partisan alliance of non-profit, academic, foundation, and business leaders advocating for an increased federal focus on, and funding for science and technology — we believe that Dr. Bertagnolli's experience as director of the National Cancer Institute and as a renowned surgeon, researcher, and patient makes her highly qualified for this key role.

Dr. Bertagnolli has the leadership necessary to promote the research and development advances that are critical to the health and scientific development of our nation, both independently and in partnership with other federal agencies and the private sector.

We respectfully ask the Senate HELP Committee and members of the Senate to swiftly confirm her as the next Director of the NIH.

Sincerely,



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