



June 20, 2023

Senator Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Bernie Sanders
Chair
Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Bill Cassidy
Ranking Member
Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510 June 10, 2023

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Sanders, and Ranking Member Cassidy:

The undersigned non-profit members of the One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC) Coalition, a coalition of over 50 public interest groups representing millions of cancer patients, researchers, providers, survivors, and their families, strongly support President Biden's nomination of Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and urge her swift confirmation.

Dr. Bertagnolli is an ideal candidate whose experience and leadership make her exceptionally well qualified to lead NIH today and into the future. As an innovative scientist, physician, and surgeon, with personal experience as a patient, she not only has a deep understanding of the importance of discovery, but also the personal impact of medical research.

Dr. Bertagnolli's excellent track record of leading organizations, including as Director of the National Cancer Institute, along with her experience collaborating across the medical oncology, radiation oncology and pathology fields, and expertise in clinical trials, will all benefit her work across the NIH.

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 to address the high burden of disease impacting millions of Americans daily.

We have every confidence that Dr. Bertagnolli is well equipped to advance the NIH's role as the world's preeminent biomedical, behavioral, and social science research power. Therefore, we respectfully

request the Senate HELP Committee and members of the Senate to rapidly confirm her as the next Director of the NIH.

Sincerely,

American Association for Cancer Research

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Society for Radiation Oncology

American Urological Association, Inc.

Association for Clinical Oncology

Association of American Cancer Institutes

Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer

Deadliest Cancers Coalition

Debbie's Dream Foundation

Fight Colorectal Cancer

Hope for Stomach Cancer

International Myeloma Foundation

Kidney Cancer Action Network

LIVESTRONG Foundation

LUNGeivity Foundation

National Cancer Registrars Association

Oncology Nursing Society

Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition

Prevent Cancer Foundation

Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

St. Baldrick's Foundation

Susan G. Komen

Triage Cancer

ZERO- The End of Prostate Cancer