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We write to extend congratulations from The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) on your inauguration as president and vice president of the United States. Although you have been in office for less than one month, your statements and actions have already demonstrated your sincere commitment to fact-based inquiry, diversity, and international collaboration, as well as your strong belief in the promise of scientific research. We look forward to working with you and the extraordinary team of scientific, medical, and public health experts whom you have chosen to implement your broader scientific vision. As a professional association of immunologists, many of whom have been deeply immersed this past year in the fight against COVID-19, AAI has every confidence that you and your talented team will lead our nation – and the world – out of the pandemic that is devastating our country and the international community.

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AAI, which was founded in 1913, is the nation's largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who are dedicated to understanding the immune system through basic, translational, and clinical research. AAI members, who are largely funded by the National Institutes of Health, work on urgently important areas of biomedical research, including better understanding – and developing effective vaccines and treatments for – COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. AAI members are also engaged in many other critically important and promising areas of research, including expanding our understanding of the immunological basis of cancer and developing immunotherapies; discovering new defenses against re-emerging and drug-resistant bacterial infections; regulating debilitating autoimmune diseases; and developing treatments to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs and bone marrow.

AAI stands ready to assist you and your Administration in any way that we can. Please have your staff contact AAI Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs Lauren G. Gross, J.D. (lgross@aai.org), if we can provide advice, answer questions, or be of service.

Sincerely,

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