

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 4, 2022

Dr. Renee Wegrzyn
Inaugural Director
Advance Research Projects Agency
for Health (ARPA-H)

Dear Director Wegrzyn,

We write to congratulate you in your new challenge of leading the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). The exciting opportunities before you are limitless and we, the Members of Congress from Texas, offer our assistance to you in maximizing ARPA-H's potential.

We believe that ARPA-H's mission to provide breakthroughs to transform important areas of medicine and health for the benefit of Americans is achievable, especially if the new agency is located in Texas.

Our state is uniquely equipped to immediately support ARPA-H and provide all necessary resources to allow work to begin without delay. Texas currently has extensive infrastructure for supporting initiatives like ARPA-H. Additionally, we already have the office space for ARPA-H available in top health innovation centers located in each of our major cities.

Texas, along with its health and biosciences communities, fully understands the mission and function of ARPA-H. This results from our leading the way in breakthroughs in health and biosciences innovations, including through supporting multi-institutional and public-private partnerships that benefit the entire nation and world, like those critical to the success of ARPA-H.

Our state is the proud home to an expanding life science industry, an established network of top tier research institutions and hospitals, which continues to grow at a rapid pace, and a deeply embedded entrepreneurial spirit.

Texas is growing and thriving, making it a wonderful place for ARPA-H program managers to live and raise families. U.S. Census data indicate that the Texas population grew by 310,000 people last year alone, far more than any other state. We are also conveniently located in the middle of the country, and flights to anywhere in the lower-48 states are less than four hours from any Texas airport.

Demographically, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation, with Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Arlington, and Fort Worth all ranking in the top 25 most diverse cities in the country. Texas also has an extensive network of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), four of which offer comprehensive medical programs, and a prominent network of Hispanic serving institutions.

Attached is a document that provides additional information as to why Texas and its many assets are the ideal home for ARPA-H.

Again, we want to congratulate and thank you for taking on this historic opportunity and assure you that ARPA-H has our support. We thank you for your commitment to ensuring this agency's success.

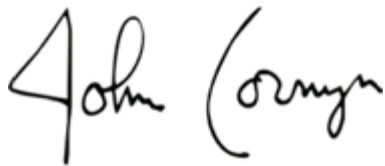
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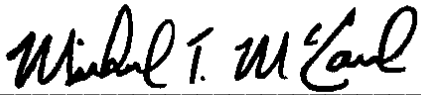
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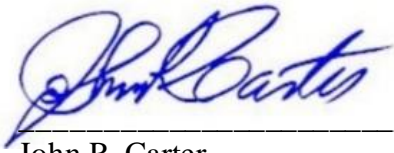
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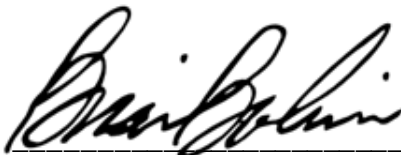
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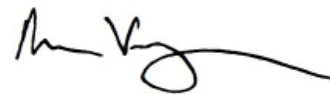
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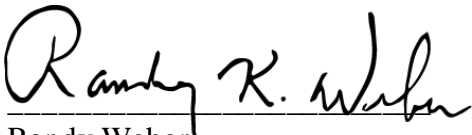
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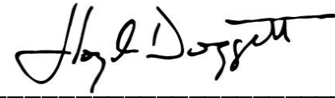
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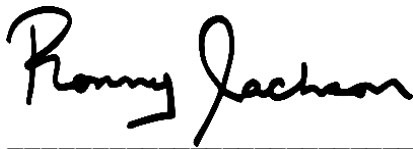
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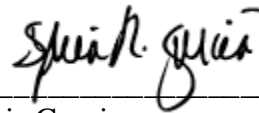
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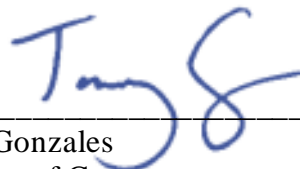
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