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Sec. 501. Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

In his recent Address to the Joint Session of Congress and Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, President Biden called for a major investment in federal research and development to establish an agency, called the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), to help drive transformational innovation in health research and speed application and implementation of health breakthroughs. We applaud President Biden's leadership and join his call for ARPA-H. To succeed, we believe the policy development process must involve robust dialogue with, and substantial input from, stakeholders from across the nation. Therefore, we ask you to join us in this effort by providing input on the following issues and questions:

- In calling for the creation of ARPA-H, President Biden has cited the success of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and expressed his belief that ARPA-H should be similar. Please provide specific details on which aspects of DARPA ARPA-H should replicate and why this would lead to similar success.
- To ensure it has the biggest impact, on what activities or areas should ARPA-H focus? What activities or areas should ARPA-H avoid?
- Some assert ARPA-H's ability to operate independently and transparently will be essential to its success. Do you agree? If so, what is the best way to design ARPA-H in order to accomplish this?
- How should ARPA-H relate to, and coordinate with, existing federal entities involved in health care-related research and regulation?
- What is the best way to ensure ARPA-H has a mission, culture, organizational leadership, mode of operation, expectations, and success metrics that are different than the status quo?
- How should ARPA-H work with the private sector?
- What is the appropriate funding level for ARPA-H? How do we ensure ARPA-H funding does not come at the expense of traditional funding for the National Institutes of Health?