

October 20, 2021

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

We, the undersigned, commend you for introducing the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) Act (H.R. 5585), a bill that would authorize an important conduit for bold new health innovations. Under your legislation, ARPA-H would be positioned to empower high risk, high reward strategies aimed at rapidly accelerating medical and public health progress. We share the commitment you, other champions in Congress from both sides of the aisle, and the Administration have made to make ARPA-H a success.

We appreciate your determination to stand up ARPA-H as soon as possible and equip it with the flexibility and authorities it needs to meet its unique mission. We offer ourselves as a resource as you continue to refine the legislative text and work towards authorizing the creation of ARPA-H this year.

Thank you for your longstanding leadership as a steward of forward-thinking, patient-centric health policy, and for the crucial role you are playing in advancing ARPA-H. We look forward to working with you, your colleagues in Congress, and the Administration to make this unique medical innovation incubator a reality.

Sincerely,

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