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AAU STATEMENT ON CONFIRMATION OF FRANCIS COLLINS AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Following is a statement by Robert M. Berdahl, President of the Association of American Universities (AAU), on Senate confirmation of Dr. Francis Collins as Director of the National Institutes of Health.

On behalf of AAU's 60 leading U.S. research universities, I commend the Senate for confirming Francis Collins as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Collins is the leader NIH needs to pursue today's extraordinary opportunities in biomedical research. He is uniquely qualified to lead NIH as a scientist, as an administrator, and as an advocate for science who understands the interplay between science and public policy. We in the research university community look forward to working with him.

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