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Dr. Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D.
Director
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

Re: Funding Opportunity Number: NIH OD-16-001


Dear Dr. Collins:

I write in strong support of the application submitted by Rhode Island Hospital for funding through the National Institutes of Health Clinical Sites for the IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trials Network (ISPCTN) grant program. Funding through this program will support the project entitled "Rhode Island Child Clinical Trials Collaborative." This program will enable Hasbro Children's Hospital, Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, and Brown University to develop a pediatric clinical trials network, and to participate in the national NIH network.

Hasbro Children's Hospital, the pediatric division of Rhode Island Hospital, serves as Rhode Island's primary children's hospital, and Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island is the major obstetrics delivery hospital in the state. This funding will support training and career development for both young and experienced researchers, allowing them to engage in clinical trials resulting in a strong future for the care of children in Rhode Island.

I support Rhode Island Hospital's application and commitment to advancing interdisciplinary research in child health care. I respectfully request you give this proposal due and thorough consideration within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator