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Hon. Navdeep Bains  
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House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Hon. Kirsty Duncan  
Minister of Science and Sport  
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Dear Ministers,

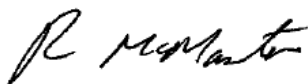
On behalf of Research Canada: *An Alliance for Health Discovery*, we would like to welcome the Health and Biosciences Economic Strategy Table Report and express our support for the recommendations made to advance the health and biosciences enterprise in Canada. These recommendations provide a unique opportunity to drive high-skills economic growth, while also improving Canada's health care system through innovation.

Research Canada is also proud to support the Government of Canada's efforts to bring an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) lens to science and innovation in Canada. In light of this admirable commitment, we respectfully request that an EDI lens be explicitly included in the implementation of the Table's recommendations. Collaboration and consultation with Indigenous and other equity-seeking groups, as well as consideration of their unique experiences are crucial to ensuring their success in Canada's health and innovation enterprise.

Research Canada is a national, broad-based alliance dedicated to advancing health research and health innovation through collaborative advocacy. Our mission is to improve the health and prosperity of all Canadians by championing Canada's global leadership in health research and innovation.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Government of Canada to build a robust health research and innovation enterprise and to ensure the health and prosperity of all Canadians.

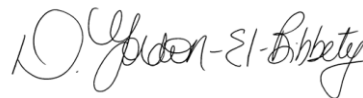
Sincerely,



Dr. Robert McMaster  
Chair



Dr. Ryan Wiley  
Policy Advisor and Chair,  
Policy Engagement Committee



Ms. Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety  
President and CEO