RE: Consensus Recommendations in Response to the White House Initiative on Women’s Health Research

Dear Dr. Mazure:

The undersigned organizations, who all have a vested interest in the health of women and the allocation of resources and research to better understand and improve their healthcare needs, appreciate the opportunity to submit consensus recommendations in response to the White House Initiative on Women’s Health Research.

We strongly support the White House’s desire to improve research for women’s health to improve access to services, procedures, and technologies that will help promote better and more equitable health outcomes. We support new approaches to funding, conduct of research, and inclusion and amplification of the voice of women to shape and improve the way they are treated and engaged in healthcare. We understand the need to better research and to develop treatments for the conditions that solely impact women, impact women disproportionately, and that impact them differently than men.

Our recommendations are attached. They cover four key areas including:

- Empowering women’s engagement in health research through amplifying their voice;
- Increasing understanding of women’s health and existing care gaps that impact the survival, well-being, and quality of life for women;
- Increasing investment in women’s health research to include increased diversity, consistent study funding, and improved technology/procedure payment; and
- Improving the research environment for women’s health technologies.

We stand ready to respond to any questions or concerns related to these recommendations and welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss them in more detail. Please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
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