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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

December 3, 2020

Ms. Linda Cruz-Carnall
Regional Director
Economic Development Administration
The Curtis Center
601 Walnut Street, Suite 140 South
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3323

Re: Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives Application for EDA Sprint Challenge

Dear Ms. Cruz-Carnall:

Please accept this letter of support for Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives' (MBI) application to the Economic Development Administration's Sprint Challenge. MBI has been at the forefront of the growth of the biotechnology cluster in Central Massachusetts since the late 1980's. MBI plays important roles in growing the local economy, promoting regional connectivity, and in advancing healthcare by supporting startup life and health science companies throughout Worcester.

The pandemic has created new urgency around MBI's mission. 20% of MBI's incubator companies are working on treatments for COVID-19. In addition, the job creation being led by MBI companies has never been more critical for our regional workforce.

Innovation has no time to waste and MBI's Entrepreneur in Residence and BOLT initiatives will help expedite products to patients. By pairing first time entrepreneurs with seasoned executives, we can help entrepreneurs take a straight path to market, seek critical investments, grow the economy, and provide relief to patients. This strategy is key to helping our area entrepreneurs quickly advance to patients.

Once again, please accept my strong support for MBI's efforts to help innovators develop the cures and jobs we need to respond to COVID-19. Your full and fair consideration of their proposal is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern".

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress