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**Statement of AAI President Mark M. Davis, Ph.D., on the Impending Nomination of
Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., to be Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

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Mark M. Davis, Ph.D., president of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI), the nation's largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who study the immune system, issued the following statement:

AAI is delighted that President Biden has announced his intent to nominate Dr. Monica Bertagnolli to be the next director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In her short tenure as head of the National Cancer Institute, and before that as a professor, surgical oncologist, and physician-scientist whose research included tumor immunology, Dr. Bertagnolli has demonstrated leadership, vision, understanding, and compassion. AAI enthusiastically supports her nomination and is confident that she will be able to lead NIH, the broader biomedical workforce, and the American people into the future – with all the amazing scientific possibilities that lie ahead.