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Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D.
Director, Division of Infectious Diseases
Professor of Medicine – Infectious Diseases
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Dear Dr. Marrazzo:

I am writing on behalf of The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) to congratulate you on being named director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). You will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to this vital role and AAI looks forward to working with you to advance immunological research.

AAI, which was founded in 1913, is the nation's largest professional association of research scientists and physicians who are dedicated to understanding the immune system through basic, translational, and clinical research. Our members, who are largely funded by NIH (and in particular by NIAID), have made enormous contributions to understanding the transmission of infectious diseases and developing effective methods to prevent and treat them, as well as to understanding the immunological basis of cancer and developing cancer immunotherapies. Immunologists have also contributed to major advances, and are actively engaged in critically important research to, among many other challenges, understand and better treat debilitating autoimmune diseases, discover new defenses against antibiotic resistant bacteria, and develop new and improved treatments to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs and bone marrow.

AAI stands ready to work with you to advance NIAID priorities, including funding a robust portfolio of immunological research, continuing to better understand, prevent, and treat COVID-19 and Long COVID, preparing for future pandemics, and strengthening global health. Please don't hesitate to contact AAI Director of Government Affairs Jake Schumacher (jschumacher@aai.org) or me if AAI can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Akiko Iwasaki'.

Akiko Iwasaki, Ph.D.
AAI President