

August 11, 2023

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

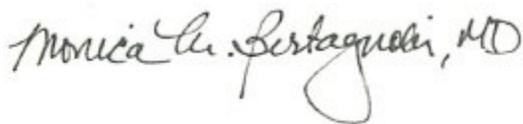
Thank you for meeting with me to discuss my nomination to serve as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). I share your commitment to restoring public trust in government and, if confirmed, it will be a priority of mine as NIH Director.

The Biden-Harris Administration has set the highest ethical standards of any Administration for its political appointees. However, in response to our conversation, I am willing to voluntarily extend the recusal period from two years to four years for all particular matters involving companies with which I have a previous working relationship. I do not intend or expect to seek a waiver from any of these recusals. However, if unanticipated circumstances were to arise, I also commit to considering all available alternatives – in close consult with Agency ethics officials – prior to seeking a waiver.

Finally, I have agreed to comply with the post-government employment ethics rules set by statute and extended by the Biden-Harris Administration Ethics Pledge. If confirmed as NIH Director, I will also further commit for four years following my tenure to not seek employment with or compensation from, including as a result of board service, any pharmaceutical company with annual revenues at or above \$10 billion.

I welcome the chance to discuss these or any other issues further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" at the end.

Monica M. Bertagnolli, M.D.