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Dear Morgan,

On behalf of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN), we extend our thanks for Senator McCormick's recent Washington Post op-ed, "I'm a Republican senator. America needs more science, not less," and for his continued support for scientific research and investment.

SfN is the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians dedicated to understanding the brain and nervous system. Our members advance scientific discovery, support the broader neuroscience community, and advocate for federal investments in biomedical research.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) plays a critical role in supporting the basic and translational research that leads to new treatments, therapies, and improved health outcomes. Sustained investment in NIH is essential to advancing scientific discovery, supporting the next generation of researchers, and maintaining the United States' leadership in biomedical research.

SfN appreciates Senator McCormick's call to significantly increase the federal investment in NIH and his emphasis on supporting merit-based science. The demand for NIH funding extends beyond current available resources, and further investment would allow more high-quality, meritorious research to move forward. We also appreciate his recognition that research funding decisions should be guided by scientific quality, evidence, and expertise, independent of political interference.

SfN also applauds Senator McCormick's leadership in forming the new Bipartisan Science and Innovation Caucus alongside Senator John Hickenlooper to elevate the importance of scientific research and innovation. As the caucus works to advance policies that strengthen the scientific community, we welcome any opportunities to collaborate and support its work.

Thank you again to Senator McCormick for highlighting the importance of robust investment in the NIH and the research enterprise it supports. SfN stands ready to serve as a resource as the Senator continues to engage on issues affecting biomedical and neuroscience research.

Sincerely,

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