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Dear Mr. Goldman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the recent letter from you to Honorable Mary Mathews Burwell, Honorable Aston Carter, and Dr. Francis Collins dated January 14, 2016 requesting the Federal Government exercise its march-in rights pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 203 to patented inventions made by the University of California with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Defense.

The authority to exercise march-in rights in connection with grants and contracts from the NIH has been delegated to NIH's Office of Extramural Research. Accordingly, your request is being handled by the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA). The NIH has begun its investigation of the important public health matters you have brought to our attention. You may contact me at the address below if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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