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IN RE: Prospective Grant of an Exclusive Patent License: Development of a Bispecific T Cell Engager for the Treatment and Cure of HIV-1, published on September 27, 2021 in Federal Register Vol. 86, No. 184, pages 53334-53335

Dear Ms. Cassedy,

Thank you for providing us with your comments regarding the notice of intent to grant a license to Gilead Sciences, Inc. (“Gilead”) by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

Prior to posting a notice for a proposed grant of an exclusive license, the NCI determines that the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(ii-iii) have been satisfied and that the company is qualified both technically and financially to be granted an exclusive license to the Government’s intellectual property in the fields of use as specified. The notice period provides an opportunity for public comment and possible objection to the proposed license. We consider all comments prior to negotiating the proposed license.

We have reviewed your comments and suggestions regarding license terms for the prospective license to Gilead. Your suggestions on the terms of the license will be given full consideration as we move forward with the negotiation of an exclusive license to Gilead for the NCI technology embodied in NIH Reference No. E-103-2010 in a limited field of use, no broader than the field of use described in the Notice.

After careful review and consideration of your comments, NCI has determined that your comments did not raise an issue that would preclude the grant of the proposed exclusive license, and the NCI intends to proceed with the negotiation of a license.

Sincerely,

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