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To: Babak Kateb MD
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RE: Brain Technology and Innovation Park (BTIP) Initiative

Dear Honorable Congressman Adam Schiff:

I am writing to strongly support the development of a brain technology and innovation park (BTIP) based in Los Angeles. This one-of-a-kind park would be a research hub and clearinghouse bringing together scientists from academic institutions, governmental agencies and industry. These scientists usually work in isolated bins unaware of advancements in other fields. Synergy resulting from close collaboration amongst those involved in research in nanotechnology, stem cell research, computer technology, molecular biology, neuroscientists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrist, physicists, and etc. would facilitate development of treatments for diseases such as dementia, PTSD, stroke, and COVID 19 related brain fog.

Southern California would seem to be an excellent site for such a research park. It's located between San Diego and San Francisco and is an international travel hub. Just harnessing knowledge and resources from world-renowned academic institutions and powerful industries in California alone would be tremendous.

As a neurosurgeon and scientist at City of Hope National Medical Center who has a background in biomedical engineering, and former president of the Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics, I am convinced that bringing together talent and expertise from disparate fields will lead to highly creative solutions for important brain diseases. California has shown in the past a desire to be in the forefront of biotechnology.

I hope that you find the concept of a brain technology and innovation park exciting and worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MYC', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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