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4/16/21  
Congressman Ted Lieu  
United State Congress  
Cannon House Office, 27, Independence Ave SE #236,  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Brain Technology and Innovation Park (BTIP) Initiative**

Dear Honorable Lieu,

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for the development of the **Brain Technology and Innovation Park (BTIP)**, to be based in Los Angeles, California connecting the US to the global networks of biotech parks and bio-clusters.

The BTIP also intends to establish a collaborating research network of academic centers, government laboratories, and industry throughout the State of California and beyond in order to identify, develop, and implement solutions for neurologic disorders. Recent advances in nanotechnology, stem cell research, nano-bio-electronics, and particle therapy suggest that significant improvement in the quality of life could be achieved by combining and applying these technologies to the problems of neurologic disease of veterans.

The County of Los Angeles has undertaken a major initiative to develop as a leading bioscience hub in the nation. We already exceed San Diego, and are closing in on San Francisco, in terms of the number of bioscience jobs in our metropolitan area. We receive more NIH funds than any other county in California, which leads the nation among states in NIH funds. Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors has undertaken multiple initiatives to advance the cause of bioscience in LA, including working to establish a VC fund specifically to invest in start up companies in LA, supporting development of numerous incubator facilities to house startups, and streamlining permitting of county-owned land for the purpose of developing biotech parks which can house companies growing out of the incubators. The County of Los Angeles has also appointed me as Medical Director of Biosciences for the County, to help accelerate development of the bioscience ecosystem. In this context, I am affirming my very strong support for the BTIP.

Sincerely,

Brad Spellberg, MD  
Medical Director of Biosciences for Los Angeles County  
Chief Medical Officer  
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