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Subject : Support letter to the Brain Technology and Innovation Park (BTIP) Initiative

To whom it may concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing here this letter of support to the Los Angeles Brain Technology and Innovation Park (BTIP).

I personally happen to well know the BTIP initiative as I have been following it from the very early stages of preparation. I met Dr. Babak Kateb during a common event in 2017. Since then, I am part of the Society for Brain Mapping & Therapeutics founded and chaired by Dr. Kateb.

During the years of collaboration we each other learned from our respective experience. I am representing AFM-Telethon, the largest patient organization in Europe (yearly budget of \$125M). We have launched in 1997, Genopole, the first French bioparc, a very successful initiative which is a research hub for genomics and life sciences. Genopole serves as an incubator for cutting-edge projects in biotechnology, by creating, accompanying and welcoming innovative businesses (77 businesses, 18 laboratories, 26 platforms, 2.500 direct jobs) a life sciences academic center, lively scientific events, and a worldwide openness. Our organization is seen as a model of innovative way to connect all public and private stakeholders for the sake of patients.

The BITP initiative bears a very similar philosophy as a collaborating research network of academic centers, government laboratories, and industry throughout the State of California and beyond. The scope is of high interest for the scientific and medical community, since it aims at identifying, developing, and implementing cutting-edge solutions for neurologic disorders (this includes nanotechnologies, stem cell research, or biotherapeutics, new outcome measures), with even broader applications.

We have years of a common multidisciplinary collaborative vision, which will be strengthened through the BITP initiative.

For these reasons, we strongly support the proposal for establishing the BTIP. Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this important initiative.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Serge Braun". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

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