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Dear Dr. Niederhuber:

The Director's Consumer Liaison Group members are learning more about NCI's role in eliminating cancer health disparities, one of your priorities for the DCLG. At the March 29-30, 2007 meeting, Drs. Shobha Srinivasan, Health Disparities Research Coordinator, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS), and Dr. Tim Rebbeck, Principal Investigator at the University of Pennsylvania, made a presentation to the DCLG on the work of the NIH Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities.

The members were very interested in the reach of this program which spans basic biology to population sciences; and integrates transdisciplinary studies of biology, behavior, sociocultural factors, environment and cultural competency for the different populations served by the centers.

We understand that this is a trans-NIH program, with DCCPS funding 4 of the 8 centers, and that the program will be reviewed by the Board of Scientific Advisors in November 2007.

The members of the DCLG voted to endorse the concept and continuance of this program as a demonstration of studies in eliminating cancer health disparities, and encourage the BSA to continue this trans-NIH program.

Sincerely,

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