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Dear Dr. Pillai:

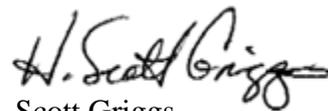
I write today offering the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) assistance as your Agency responds to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in this country. Additionally, I want to commend your Agency and President Trump's Administration for the inclusion of commercial laboratories in fighting this outbreak. We want to offer the support of the independent laboratory community to supplement those efforts if the need arises in the future.

The American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL), founded in 1937, is the trade association representing over 1,000 independent, commercial scientific and testing laboratories. Its members are professional services firms engaged in testing, product certification, advising, and research and development. Affiliated membership is available to manufacturer's laboratories, consultants, and suppliers to the industry. As independent commercial laboratories, ACIL members provide the objective, scientific data on which manufacturers and government agencies base conclusions about safety, performance and other criteria for products and services used in our everyday lives. In the event of a national emergency, our labs could easily be called into service to meet the demand for more testing.

ACIL would like to be a resource to you and your Agency as you continue to confront and resolve this outbreak. Our members have the testing expertise and understand the industry standards and best practices to ensure the best outcomes for all Americans confronting this pandemic.

ACIL welcomes the opportunity to partner with you and your Agency to confront this emerging situation. We would be happy to open a dialogue about how we may best assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact me and I look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,



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Section Chair