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Dr. [redacted]
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Re: Proposal for Historically Black Colleges and Universities Collaborative Partnership Award, Department of Defense (DOD) Fiscal Year 2003 (FY03): "Florida A&M University (FAMU) Center for Minority Prostate Cancer Training and Research: A Collaborative Program Between FAMU and the Moffitt Cancer Center."

Dear Dr. [redacted]:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for your proposal to establish the FAMU **Minority Prostate Cancer Training and Research Center**. This collaborative arrangement with H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center is exactly the type of partnership we hope to encourage here at FAMU. Systematic research is a fundamental component of advanced study. Moreover, prostate cancer is among the most pressing concerns considering its disproportional impact on the health and welfare of the African-American community. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University is committed to addressing health disparities through research, education and community outreach programs.

I concur with the high ratings your pre-proposal received in its preliminary review. The three-component structure of your proposal comprising research, training and communications is an ideal model to address the various dimensions of this complex issue. Furthermore, the inclusion of prominent partners such as Moffitt Cancer Center and Bob Samuel's Florida Prostate Cancer Network enhances the value of this collaborative program.

In conclusion, the University will provide a supportive environment for the establishment and continuation of this Center through its Division of Sponsored Research. As the President of Florida A&M University, I am proud to give my full backing to this proposal as we challenge the frontiers of knowledge and create partnerships to discover solutions to the pressing problems that face our society.

Sincerely,

President

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