

April 25, 2014

Hon. Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Science City Urban Infrastructure Project — San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to endorse the TIGER VI Discretionary Grants application by the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority (PRIFA) for the Science City Urban Infrastructure Phase II in San Juan, Puerto Rico (the "Project"). The Project shall provide road infrastructure and pedestrian pathways that shall link the University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center Hospital (the "CCC"), the UPRCCC Research facilities, the UPRCCC Radiotherapy Center, the Puerto Rico Medical Center ("Medical Center") and the Knowledge Corridor.

The Medical Center, the most comprehensive healthcare complex in Puerto Rico, and the CCC, an entity dedicated to clinical and epidemiological research in cancer prevention and control, are the cornerstones of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's plan to create a Knowledge Corridor that clusters scientific, higher learning and research and development institutions. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center ("MDACC") is a partner in this endeavor. As you know, MDACC is a world leader in cancer patient care, research, education and prevention and one of the original three comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Act of 1971.

Over a decade ago, MDACC entered into a partnership with the University of Puerto Rico ("UPR") to jointly develop the CCC. The UPR/MDACC partnership aims to establish the CCC as one of the foremost institutions in cancer research and treatment for Hispanic populations. Through this partnership, we have established a M.D./Ph.D. program among the UPR, MDACC and The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. We also have jointly developed with the UPR courses in Cancer Biology and Cancer Genetics. MDACC aims to continue its partnership with the UPR and to enhance the capabilities of the CCC; The Project will permit the expansion of the CCC. Currently, the

CCC is constructing its new facilities, and the Project's design allows the connection of the CCC's state-of-the-art research facility with the Science City.

In order for the CCC to be fully successful, the CCC should be part of a larger research community that attracts top talent. The Project constitutes the physical link between the Puerto Rico Medical Center and the Knowledge Corridor. The bridge to the Knowledge Corridor will enable the development of a thriving scientific and academic community.

MDACC is committed to the long-term success of the CCC and its partnership with the UPR. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of the Project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald A. DePinho". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.
President