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Dear Dr. Petit:

On behalf of all of us at The Jackson Laboratory, I am sending my sincere thanks to you and the Petit Family Foundation for the recent pledge payment we received in support of the *Petit Family Foundation Women in Genomics Initiative*.

Throughout the Laboratory's history, we have made it a priority to empower women in genomics research, and science, broadly. Today, the Petit Family Foundation Summer Student Fellowship, Student Teacher Fellow, Teaching the Genome Generation Teacher Fellowship and Teaching the Genome Generation Implementation Fund are further ensuring that women at various stages of their education and careers have the highest quality mentorship from senior scientists who are leading and participating in some of the most sophisticated investigations of genomics in our time. In addition, the *Petit Family Foundation Women in Genomics Initiative* is fostering improvements at the high school level, where exceptional teachers have been energized through new approaches to teaching genetics and genomics. Women scientists have already contributed profoundly to our understanding of diseases like cancer, age-related illnesses, diabetes, and a myriad of neurodegenerative disorders; with your help, we are creating an even stronger network of women scientists who are unwavering in their determination to improve our world through health and medicine.

Once again, we are humbled that you have chosen to honor the legacy left by Jennifer Lynn Hawke-Petit, Michaela Elizabeth Petit, and Haley Rose Petit by providing young women, researchers and educators with the best possible opportunities for growth and success. I am grateful to count you and the Petit Family Foundation as partners on this important journey toward advancing women in science.

With warm regards,

Edison T. Liu, M.D.
President & Chief Executive Officer

Dear Bill -
Thanks so much for
your support. And congrats
on the election. I would
love to talk more to you about
economic development in the tech
sector.

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