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Dr. France Córdova, Director
National Science Foundation
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Dear Director Córdova,

On behalf of the Population Association of America (PAA) and the Association of Population Centers (APC), two affiliated organizations that together represent over 3,500 behavioral and social scientists and 40 population research centers nationwide that conduct research on the implications of population change, we are writing to congratulate you on your recent confirmation to be the 14th Director of the National Science Foundation.

Our organizations supported your nomination enthusiastically and urged the United States Senate to quickly confirm you to the position.

We hope you and your staff will consider our organizations as resources and as allies throughout your tenure. We are eager to lend our efforts to better communicating the importance of basic research.

Once again, congratulations on your successful confirmation and best wishes as you embark on your new role.

Best regards,

Robert A. Moffitt, Ph.D.          Pamela J. Smock, Ph.D.