Ending Cancer As We Know It

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"Science and technology—when applied with vision and optimism, with wisdom and humility, with rigor and integrity, and with a commitment to engage and serve everyone—are among the most powerful forces ever devised to better the human condition."

– Eric Lander, President Biden's Science Advisor and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy

A bold vision for enhancing the federal government's capabilities to make progress to promote human health

"We will see more technological change in the next 10 years – than we saw in the last 50 years. And we're falling behind in that competition. … The National Institutes of Health, the NIH – should create an … **Advanced Research Projects Agency for health**. *To develop breakthroughs – to prevent, detect, and treat diseases like Alzheimer's, diabetes and cancer. … I can think of no more worthy investment. And I know of nothing more bipartisan."*

FY22 budget request: $6.5B available over three years

ARPA-H Structural Elements

Centered around ensuring risk tolerance, urgency, nimbleness, and innovation

- Flat, dynamic organization

- Term-limited director with technical and leadership skills

- Creative, diverse cohort of program managers recruited for short terms with broad autonomy to drive transformational change

- Distinct project review and selection processes

- Convergence of scientific disciplines

- Collaborations across academia, industry, government

Draft Goals for an ARPA for Health

Support transformative research to:

- Speed application and implementation of **health breakthroughs** to serve all patients

- Foster breakthroughs across various levels – from **the molecular to the societal**

- Build **capabilities and platforms** to revolutionize prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cures in a **range of diseases**

- Convert **use-driven ideas** into tangible solutions for patients far more rapidly than previously believed possible

- Overcome market failures through **critical solutions or incentives**

An urgent focus on making patient-driven progress toward ending cancer as we know it

Principles of Approach

- inject urgency to our collective approach to end cancer as we know it

- bring all possible solutions and partners to the table with ideas and action

- provide an avenue to hear and prioritize what patients and caregivers identify as being the most important

- change the systems and culture to meet this moment

- deliver on the hope felt by millions of families facing a devasting diagnosis

How do we know cancer?

What are the most important challenges?

What issue areas are the most poised for progress?