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Dear Director Kratsios,

On behalf of the Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC), a nonpartisan coalition of [more than 50 organizations](#) committed to advancing research and development (R&D) for global health technologies, we congratulate the United States on its leadership of the G20 and its prioritization of innovation, scientific advancement, and economic growth. American leadership in science and technology has long helped drive breakthroughs that strengthen US competitiveness and security while improving lives around the world, and we appreciate your leadership in advancing this important agenda.

The upcoming G20 Innovation Ministerial presents a timely opportunity to reinforce this legacy. As G20 members and stakeholders convene to identify policies that promote innovation, health technologies offer a tangible example of how these priorities can work together. US-led investments in diagnostics, therapeutics, and other health technologies have not only helped address global health challenges, but have strengthened America's innovation ecosystem, supported domestic jobs and economic activity, and helped build resilience against health threats that can quickly reach American communities and supply chains.

The return on these investments is substantial. Between [2007 and 2022](#), \$46 billion in US, public funding for global health R&D generated \$104 billion in economic activity and approximately 600,000 US jobs, while the resulting research is expected to catalyze an additional \$102 billion in industry investment. Our [analysis](#) projects that these investments could ultimately generate approximately \$255 billion for the US economy. These returns underscore that public investment in health R&D is not simply an investment in global security but an investment in American science, industry, and innovation.

We therefore encourage the United States to consider how the G20's innovation agenda can preserve and build upon existing efforts that advance health technology R&D. We respectfully encourage the United States to:

- **Recognize health technology R&D as a component of the G20's broader innovation agenda**, including in the Innovation Ministerial communiqué, with attention to emerging technologies, scientific discovery, artificial intelligence (AI), and the translation of research into products that strengthen health and economic resilience.
- **Support policies that sustain the full R&D pipeline**, from basic and applied research through product development, clinical evaluation, regulatory pathways, manufacturing, and deployment, recognizing the complementary roles of public investment and private-sector capital.
- **Encourage public-private partnerships that crowd in private investment** for high-impact health technologies where public funding can help de-risk early-stage research, ensure late-stage innovations cross the finish line, and create opportunities for commercial investment and scale.
- **Build on existing G20 work on local and regional production and innovation**, including the Global Coalition for Local and Regional Production, Innovation, and Equitable Access, to strengthen resilient manufacturing and supply chains while expanding opportunities for innovation and investment across G20 economies.

We believe these priorities align closely with the United States' stated goal of returning the G20 to its core mission of driving economic growth and prosperity. They also complement the Administration's broader focus on American leadership in AI and science-driven innovation, including efforts to harness AI to accelerate scientific discovery.

GHTC has had the opportunity to raise these issues with Emory Cox, G7 and G20 Sherpa and Special Assistant to the President, and we appreciate the Administration's consideration of the innovation agenda. We would be pleased to serve as a trusted resource to your team as the Innovation Ministerial approaches and as the United States continues its G20 and G7 leadership.

We wish you and your team a successful Innovation Ministerial and look forward to supporting the United States' continued leadership in this critical time.

Best,



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