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Dr. Amy S. Kelley
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Dear Dr. Kelley,

On behalf of the organizations we lead, the [Population Association of America \(PAA\)](#) and [Association of Population Centers \(APC\)](#), we want to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA).

PAA and APC are two affiliated organizations representing over 3,000 behavioral and social scientists, including demographers, sociologists, economists, and epidemiologists, and over 40 federally funded U.S. based population research centers. Population scientists study the individual, societal, and environmental consequences of population change. Their expertise covers a wide range of topics including aging, mortality, morbidity, population forecasting, and social determinants of health. Population research centers foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, disseminate research findings, and provide educational and training opportunities. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the primary source of discretionary, competitive grant funding for the population sciences overall.

As you know, the NIA Division of Behavioral and Social Research supports a robust population aging research portfolio that includes grants, surveys, networks, and center programs essential to the field. The Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging, Edward R. Roybal Centers, and Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research, for example, are hubs where population scientists collaborate to produce interdisciplinary research on a wide range of conditions and topics. NIA funded surveys, such as the Health and Retirement Study and National Health and Aging Trends Study, collect and release timely data that are being used to, among other things, understand the aging experience in the United States from midlife through the end of life.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your colleagues on December 12 and sharing more details regarding population aging research activities and advances and learning more about you and how our organizations can be effective resources.

Sincerely,

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