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Thank you very much for sharing with me a series of proposals that you intend to discuss with the ICOC at its upcoming meeting. While I continue to strongly support all the recommendations of the IOM Report, I also understand that many of our recommendations either need the approval of others and/or can only be implemented over time. Of course the first step is that the ICOC must decide what changes it wishes to pursue.

In any case the proposals you shared with me represent a very thoughtful and significant response to our recommendations and will, I believe, serve the long term interests of the citizens of California and the field of regenerative medicine. In particular these proposals take a significant step towards dealing with financial conflicts of interest, enhancing the credibility and integrity of the scientific review process, increasing the role of industry representatives, further clarifying the roles of the President and Board chair, and establishing the Scientific Advisory Board as the IOM Committee recommended. While I cannot speak for the IOM, or the Committee that produced the Report I want to reiterate that I think these proposals represent a thoughtful and very significant steps forward.

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