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The American College of Rheumatology (ACR), on behalf of its more than 7,700 members of the professional rheumatology community, wishes to express strong support for Dr. Anthony Fauci and his continued and close involvement in the work to address the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this national public health emergency, it is vital that we adhere to sound scientific and public health guidance from medical experts, including Dr. Fauci. The ACR urges that scientific evidence shape our decisions and actions as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Fauci has dedicated his life to public service, leading the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984. Trained in immunology, Dr. Fauci has been recognized as a Master of the ACR, one of the highest honors the College bestows. He has earned the respect of the medical and scientific community and has proven his commitment to relying on science and the best available data as we work collectively to preserve public health in these challenging times.

The government's financial commitment to vaccine development to address this pandemic is laudable. In addition, Dr. Fauci, as well as other long-term professional leaders from the CDC, FDA, and NIH, should guide and inform the response of the government and the American people as we all work to control the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. By following their collective lead, we have the best chance for a speedier mitigation of this deadly virus.

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