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January 10, 20[REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED],

This letter conveys my enthusiastic support for your proposed research entitled "[REDACTED] [REDACTED]". It is exciting that your foundational work using primary [REDACTED] is being extended to answer questions that still confound our field. By aiming to explore novel host factors (identified through your preliminary work) that may impact HIV latency and secondly support technology development linking your platform to [REDACTED], the proposed research is poised to produce new translatable insights into the biology and pathogenesis of HIV. Clearly, your proposal aligns with the mission of the Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in HIV to support innovative scientific research that will advance knowledge in the field of HIV and provide support for research career development.

The quality and impact of the proposed research is secured by having distinguished HIV researchers and teachers with relevant expertise ([REDACTED]) as your mentors. Co-location of your laboratory and the [REDACTED] within the world-class [REDACTED] Laboratory for Virology Research at [REDACTED] will ensure almost daily interactions and will ensure that you have all of the resources necessary to complete your proposed research. Your continued interactions with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Research here at [REDACTED] will also be a great resource to gather additional support and feedback on a regular basis. As we have discussed on several occasions, the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Department of Medicine here at [REDACTED] are both committed to supporting your career growth and guarantee you sufficient protected time towards these endeavors. After less than a year on faculty, you have already distinguished yourself through outstanding publications in highest-impact journals and expression of rare double talent as a collaborative scientist with leadership qualities. Funding from the highly regarded Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in HIV would be another critical milestone that will help power your exciting career trajectory and benefit the HIV field. As such, you have my best wishes for a successful application.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases

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