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RE: Rescheduling January Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA)

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Dear Acting Director Memoli,

The undersigned 13 organizations urge the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to **reschedule the canceled January meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA) as soon as possible.**

The meeting was originally scheduled on January 28-29, 2025. According to the NACA website, “all Federal advisory committee meetings have been canceled until further notice.”

Approving research grant applications, assessing training programs, and recommending funding for groundbreaking aging research are fundamental to NACA’s mission. Canceling these meetings delays vital, lifesaving research that could improve well-being across the lifespan. Research from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) has contributed to increased life expectancy and a longer, healthier life.

Continued investment in aging research is more critical than ever.

Aging is the greatest risk factor for many chronic diseases—including Alzheimer’s, heart disease, and diabetes—making research in this field essential to improving health outcomes nationwide. Beyond the biological aspects, studying aging also provides valuable insights into the psychosocial factors that shape quality of life, social engagement, and mental well-being. Understanding these dynamics is crucial to ensuring that people not only live longer but also thrive in their later years. These research and training grants are both necessary and highly valued.

We strongly urge you to promptly reschedule the canceled January meeting of the National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA).

Sincerely,

Gerontological Society of America

Alliance for Aging Research

American Academy of Neurology

American Federation for Aging Research

American Geriatrics Society

American Society on Aging

Association of Population Centers

Cure Alzheimer's Fund

Lewy Body Dementia Association

National Alliance for Caregiving

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Population Association of America

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