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Dr. Susan Daniels
Director, Office of Autism Research Coordination/NIMH/NIH
6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 7220
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Dear Dr. Daniels:

I am writing to offer my recommendation for Monica Weldon's nomination to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee. Monica has shown great dedication to her profession and I commend her hard work. She exhibits an immense passion for the issues she works for and wishes to utilize her skills to benefit all.

Monica began her career as an educator and did so for over twenty years. Unfortunately, in 2012 one of her twins was the sixth patient in the world diagnosed with SYNGAP1. Through her families own personal hardships and experiences, Monica soon began to realize that more needed to be done. She left her career as an educator and dedicated the time she was not spending with her family to educating herself on this gene mutation.

When Monica learned that there was not a lot of information available, she took matters into her own hands and began Bridge the Gap – SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation – a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the research, treatment, and standard care of guidelines for individuals with these diagnoses. Monica has since grown this organization immensely and frequently visits Washington, DC to share her findings with lawmakers to allow the entire nation to benefit from her work.

Since Monica's retirement as an educator she has used her time to better the lives of others. Should she be afforded the opportunity to sit on your committee, I know Monica will continue her heartfelt leadership while still putting others before herself. If you have questions regarding Monica or her nomination, you can contact me via my District Director, Andrew Ross, at (512) 473-2357 or Andrew.Ross@mail.house.gov. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael T. McCaul
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