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To the Lupus Community,

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Dr. William "Bill" Paul, our beloved friend and esteemed scientific leader in the journey toward better treatment, prevention and a cure for lupus.

Chief of the Laboratory of Immunology and former director of the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Bill Paul generously shared his broad scientific vision and his depth of understanding of immunology as chairman of the LRI Scientific Advisory Board since our organization's inception in 2000.

Over the past 15 years, Bill Paul's leadership and knowledge of the challenges required to achieve advances in a complex disease gave the lupus community -- patients, families and scientists -- the confidence and courage to be bold, the inspiration to take a different path, to not shy away from big ideas, and to pursue the very best in scientific innovation. And with Bill behind us, the discoveries flowed.

Dr. Bill Paul's worldwide impact on biomedical research and on lupus is enormous. The lupus community has lost a brilliant and devoted champion. Our profound sadness at losing Bill and our deep gratitude for his time among us strengthens our determination to fulfill his vision for the lupus science of the future.

I know you join us in extending heartfelt sympathy to Bill's wife Marilyn, his children and his entire family.

Thank you.

Margaret G. Dowd
President and CEO, Lupus Research Institute

About the Lupus Research Institute

The Lupus Research Institute (LRI), the world's leading private supporter of novel research in lupus, pioneers discovery and champions scientific creativity as it has successfully demonstrated the power of innovation to propel scientific solutions in this complex autoimmune disease.

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