COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS **U.S. House of Representatives** Rep. Sharice L. Davids Ransas Third District

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo Secretary Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20230 The Honorable Alejandra Y. Castillo Assistant Secretary Economic Development Administration 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Suite 71014 Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo and Assistant Secretary Castillo,

As the U.S. House Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I respectfully request full and fair consideration of BioNexus KC's FY 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs program application.

This grant will allow BioNexus KC to make progressive advancements to ongoing efforts in vaccine development and manufacturing. Specifically, the requested funding will enable BioNexus KC to connect early-stage and scaling vaccine companies to mentors, research experts, and strategic partners throughout the Greater Kansas City area. Moreover, the implementation of BioNexus KC's initiative will address critical infrastructure needs and create new economic and health opportunities.

I kindly request that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration give full and fair consideration to BioNexus KC's FY 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs program application. Should you have any questions, please contact Patrick Hampton in office at <u>Patrick.Hampton@mail.house.gov</u> or (913) 621-0832.

Sincerely,

Sharice L. Davids Member of Congress