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**Ministry of Education and Research Sweden**

Minister for Higher Education and Research

Dear Professor Holm-Nielsen and Dr Tindemans

Thank you for your letter dated February 10 regarding science, research and innovation in the USA.

Sweden has much ongoing collaboration with scientists in USA and there are almost as many scientific papers written with scientists in USA as there is with scientists in Europe. We are also having several government level research agreements with USA. For example past September we signed one on collaboration in the Cancer Moonshot project. Since 2015 we are having joint expeditions with National Science Foundation to the Arctic for collaborative research. The policy of the US government is therefore of great importance for us.

I would therefore like to thank you for your initiative. Transparency, open communication and mobility of scientists are essential for the development of science.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helene Hellmark Knutsson'.

Helene Hellmark Knutsson