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Subject: Invitation to Comment - draft NIDCD Strategic Plan

Dear Colleagues,

To advance the mission of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), we are updating our strategic plan. I invite you to review the draft 2017-2021 NIDCD Strategic Plan and provide your comments using the form on our website at <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/strategic-plan/2017-2021/public-comment>. If your feedback is on behalf of your professional society or membership organization, please send a single response reflective of your group's views as a whole. Please submit your comments by September 30, 2016.

The goals in the draft 2017-2021 NIDCD Strategic Plan are based on an assessment of research areas that present the greatest scientific opportunities and that address the greatest public health needs over the next five years for hearing and balance; taste and smell; and voice, speech and language. The 2017-2021 NIDCD Strategic Plan will be a guide for:

- Scientists: To better understand the directions that NIDCD research priorities may take in the future;
- The NIDCD: To assist in developing Funding Opportunity Announcements and to identify research proposals that are high program priority; and
- The Public: To understand the state of communication sciences and to discover the scientific breakthroughs that are possible with sustained investments in biomedical research.

Your input is vital to ensuring that the 2017-2021 NIDCD Strategic Plan provides an optimal framework for fulfilling our mission to improve the health and quality of life of people with communication disorders. I appreciate your time and consideration in assisting us with this important effort.

Sincerely,

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