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Dear Jason:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the formation and progress of the Los Alamos Postdoctoral Association (LAPA). I enjoyed meeting with you and believe that the postdoctoral association will be beneficial to the Laboratory. Therefore, I am pleased to offer my support of LAPA and formally recognize this association. I commend the quick action of this group and appreciate that you took the initiative to make this association a reality.

The LAPA mission statement, which emphasizes the importance of building the postdoctoral community, the need for postdoctoral advocacy, and the necessity of offering career development opportunities for postdoctoral employees, presents an exciting direction for this group. LAPA's goal to enhance both the social and career networking of the postdoctoral employees at the Laboratory is a valuable undertaking and the benefits of working toward this goal will reverberate throughout the Laboratory.

I would be honored to speak at a LAPA General Assembly meeting. Please contact my office to arrange the date. Additionally, someone from the Communications Office will contact you in the near future to discuss a possible article in the *Daily Newsbulletin* about the association.

Again, I am grateful for your commitment to this Laboratory and pleased to welcome the association to the broader Laboratory community.

Sincerely,



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Director

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