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Dear Andrew Gray
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Thank you for your interest in joining the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) for Phase VII, beginning October 1, 2020. The response to our solicitation was overwhelming. We received over one hundred applications, several times the number we were anticipating. Although many organizations would consider such significant growth desirable, this presented an unanticipated challenge for us in thinking through the impact to the FDP.

To carry out the work of the FDP, we need the active involvement of our members in a variety of important activities, and at the same time remain nimble and flexible to respond effectively to the challenges presented at an ever-increasing pace. We did not think that we could maintain the necessary flexibility with such a large increase. Over the last year we have begun to focus on key activities to enhance the infrastructure of the organization, however additional time is required to better accommodate the needs of a larger membership.

As a result of our deliberations, which took much longer than anticipated, we have decided to accept the applications of a subset of the total pool of applicants. We are pleased to inform you that your institution was among those accepted. You will shortly receive the Memorandum of Understanding between your institution and the FDP. This MoU will detail commitments the FDP expects from all of its member institutions. The due date for the MoU is October 1, 2020.

As we enter Phase VII, the FDP is refocusing its efforts on our core values identified in a multi-month strategic planning process. We look forward to the involvement of your institution's representative in the activities of the FDP including participation in committee work and other FDP work. We are currently planning virtual orientation sessions and will send that registration information to you as soon as possible. We look forward to your participation with the FDP in the coming Phase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Seligman'.

Richard Seligman
Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michele Masucci'.

Michele Masucci
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