

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a University Institute  
PROPOSED NAME: Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute, Medical School  
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2020

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute, Medical School, effective June 18, 2020.

The Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute is formerly known as the MDiabetes Initiative and is being established through a generous \$30M gift from Regent Ronald Weiser and his wife, Mrs. Eileen L. Weiser.

Regent Weiser founded McKinley Associates Inc., a national real estate investment company, in 1968 and was its chairman and chief executive officer until 2001. From 2001-2005, under President George W. Bush, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Regent Weiser served on the board of directors of numerous nonprofit organizations, including the national board of the Ginsberg Center at the University of Michigan, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the UNCF of Washtenaw County, the Michigan Theater, Artrain USA and The Henry Ford Museum. He served on the advisory boards of the Zell Lurie Institute in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the University's Food Allergy Center. In 1984, together with his wife, Eileen, he created the McKinley Foundation, a public community foundation that built Ann Arbor's NEW Center. They also served as deputy chairs of the University's Victors for Michigan Campaign.

The Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute will serve as the central hub to coordinate outstanding clinicians and researchers in diabetes, metabolic disorders, and their complications. It will work across disciplines and serve to integrate rigorous science with patient-centered clinical care to prevent and treat, with the ultimate goal to cure diabetes and related disorders. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Elizabeth Weiser Caswell Diabetes Institute, Medical School, effective June 18, 2020.

Recommended by:

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