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Greetings!

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering. I want to extend my thanks to SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Polytechnic Institute of New York University, and the New York Academy of Sciences for sponsoring this important conference. I also applaud other universities, medical centers, federal agencies, and professional societies for their support and co-sponsorship of this meeting.

Biomedical Engineering, a relatively new field among engineering disciplines, has already made significant contributions in the development of new medical devices, implants, and treatment modalities that have improved the quality of life for thousands of New Yorkers and beyond. This conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering represents an essential part of SUNY's mission, advancing our goal to promote excellence and leadership in health sciences fields and also is an important step in realizing one of the "Six Big Ideas" of our strategic plan, *The Power of SUNY – SUNY and Healthier New York*. Meetings such as this will help promote innovation while lending additional meaning and direction for our achievements.

I am confident that the conference sessions will promote interaction and collaboration among SUNY faculty researchers, students, and biotechnology industry leaders, and I wish you all the best and am eager to learn of the exciting results that are the product of these proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy L. Zimpher", written over a white background.

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