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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the Third International Conference on Ethical Issues in Biomedical Engineering. I applaud the SUNY Conversations Across the Disciplines Program, Alfred University, Polytechnic University, the University of Rochester, and numerous Biomedical Engineering societies for their support and generosity in making this event possible.

Biomedical engineering has been responsible for many of the advances in modern medicine. Bringing together biomedical engineers, philosophers, research scientists, students, clinicians, and representatives from the biomedical engineering industries and federal agencies is essential when discussing the ethical issues that surround the development of new implants, devices and treatments that will improve the quality of life of many. The presentations that will be discussed throughout this conference represent an array of issues pertinent to the new technologies that are developing world-wide. The hard work and effort put into this conference and the meaningful information that will be gained will help us advance ethically sound conduct in the medical field.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication to this cause. I hope the conference will continue these efforts for many years to come.

Sincerely



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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