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Dear RSA Members,

As you know, NIH is calling for input from the scientific community with respect to the strategic planning for the new institute on Substance Use and Addictive Disorders. Based on the material put forth in the NIH webinar on April 2, 2012, the RSA leadership (Executive Committee and GAAC) have submitted the attached letter in behalf of RSA and the alcohol field as a whole. As we note in this letter, we encourage each of you to submit your own suggestions for two reasons: 1) alcohol researchers are very familiar with models of interdisciplinary and even transdisciplinary research, and are likely to make very useful suggestions which will greatly influence how this effort is to proceed; and 2) we need ALL areas of alcohol research to be represented for inclusion. **Please do not take this collective letter as all that needs to be done; strong representation from the alcohol community is essential if our voices are to be considered.** (Please see our previous notes to this effect on the RSA website.) The RSA leadership has continued to work hard on this, and does not consider any of this a “done deal.”

You can submit through the NIH portal - DEADLINE is May 11 at 11:59pm EDT - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfi_files/nih_nisuad/add.cfm

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