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Dear Selection Committee,

On behalf of the California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC) I am pleased to support ***VantiScope: Mapping Disease Burden, Research Investment, and Evidence Gaps in Invisible Illness for the TOPx HHS Tech Sprint for AI and Invisible Illness.***

Through my work in patient advocacy and chronic-care policy, I have seen the importance of giving patients and their advocates accessible information with which to ask questions, communicate their priorities and participate in decisions that affect them.

VantiScope has the potential to make research information more useful to these communities. It brings together disease-burden estimates, funding records, publications and clinical trials, helping users explore what is being studied and what findings are available. Its focus includes endometriosis, ME/CFS, POTS, Long COVID and Chronic Kidney Disease.

For patient organizations, this could provide a practical resource for preparing evidence-informed discussions with researchers, funders and policymakers. Users can explore work related to questions about diagnosis, symptoms and treatment, then follow links to the original sources. This creates opportunities to connect patients' concerns with specific research questions rather than relying only on broad statements about unmet need.

I also welcome the platform's attention to uncertainty and incomplete information. People living with chronic conditions need a clear understanding of what research can establish and what remains unresolved.

Continued involvement of patients and advocacy organizations will be important as VantiScope develops. I see promise in its ability to support that engagement and to help different organizations work toward shared priorities. I support its consideration in this competition.

Sincerely,

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