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Subject: Invitation to Join Us for an In-Person Forum & Community-Driven Discussion on the 'Impact of AI on Health Equity in Underserved Communities: Potentials, Concerns, and Challenges'

Greetings. We are a group of scientists and AI experts from Tuskegee University committed to raising awareness of critical issues surrounding artificial intelligence in healthcare and biomedical research while fostering collaboration with the Tuskegee/Macon County Communities.

We cordially invite you to participate in a community-driven forum focused on **"Community Voices: The Impact of AI on Health Equity in Underserved Communities: Potentials, Concerns, and Challenges."** A Luncheon Forum hosted by the TU DICB AIM AHEAD project in cooperation with *Ms. Bernice Frazier of Bethel Baptist Church Life Center* aims to convene local government officials, healthcare practitioners, community influencers, health advocates, and academic representatives to engage in dialogue on pivotal issues such as AI's impact on healthcare and biomedical research.

The forum will provide a platform for discussing community concerns regarding AI and health, including racial bias, privacy, health disparities, workforce development, infrastructure, and access within rural settings, particularly concerning underrepresented minority communities and vulnerable populations.

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by rural communities in embracing and benefiting from AI technologies in healthcare and biomedical research, our gathering will seek to address these challenges collaboratively, ensuring that no segment of our community is marginalized in the technological landscape. Your expertise and insights are invaluable to this discourse, and we sincerely hope you can join us.

Event Details: • Date: June 11, 2024 • Time: 11 AM to 2 PM • Location: Tompkins Hall Ballroom, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL 36088

Our agenda will include: • Current AI Trends in Healthcare and Their Impact on Rural Communities • Discussion Panels on Community Concerns regarding AI & Data issues in healthcare & biomedicine; Infrastructure Needs and Educational Initiatives • AIM AHEAD - Goals and Significance • Collaborative Strategies to Mitigate the Adverse Effects of AI on Healthcare and Enhance Health Equity among Underrepresented Minority Communities

Please confirm your attendance by May 31 by completing the survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/BnhZTmYagv>

Thank you for considering this invitation. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you to effect positive change.

Sincerely,

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