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Dear Dr Muzzio,

As President of the Research & Development Council of New Jersey, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Council has selected the Engineering Research Center for Structured Organic Particulate Systems (C-SOPS) as the 2018 recipient of the Chairman's Award. The Council specifically would like to honor the partnership that you and your C-SOPS collaborators have created with Janssen/J&J. Congratulations to you and your team on this honor.

This award was established in 2001 to honor an individual for outstanding effort and leadership in uniting industry, academia, and the state in pursuit of creating a research based economy in New Jersey. Past recipients include: Merck's Former CEO **Dr. P. Roy Vagelos** (2017), NJEDA CEO **Caren Franzini** (2016), **Governor Chris Christie** (2015), PSEG's **Dr. Ralph Izzo** (2014), **Governor Jim Florio** (2013), Celgene's **Dr. Sol Barer** (2012), **Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen** (2011) and **Governor Tom Kean** (2010).

For the first time since the inception of the award, the Council wishes to recognize an organization with this award. It is clear to our Board and membership that the qualities of this award often transcend individual leadership, and it is the partnerships and collaborations that should be highlighted and publicized as models for others. The Council has selected to honor C-SOPS for its leadership role in partnering with industry (Janssen), government (FDA) and academia (Rutgers, University of Puerto Rico, NJIT), to advance pharmaceutical science. It is for these reasons the Council has selected C-SOPS and your team as the recipients of the 2018 Chairman's Award.

The award will be presented to you and your team at the Council's 39th Edison Patent Awards Ceremony & Reception, which will be held on November 1, 2018, at the Liberty Science Center. Last year, the Council recognized over 30 inventors from industry, academia and government. There were more than 200 people at this event. It was truly a spectacular celebration of STEM in New Jersey.

I have included with this letter a list of the Council's membership and Board so you can review those who decided to honor you.



If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Council Executive Director Kim Case at [kcase@rdnj.org](mailto:kcase@rdnj.org) or 973.274.8336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony S. Cicatiello'.

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