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“fixing.” This harmful narrative is one that the disability justice community has fought against for years, beginning with the rejection of eugenicist forms of institutionalization and treatment that denied autonomy and agency to people with disabilities. Creating a false equivalency between illness and disability further marginalizes people with disabilities by suggesting a separation of disability as a thing to be cured from the person living with a disability rather than a holistic and comprehensive view of the individual that includes their disability as part of their identity. Disability is a biological reality that every individual will encounter if they live long enough. The revised mission recenters the work of the NIH on health optimization and universal accessibility.

2. **Suggestions for specific language that could be added to the proposed mission statement and why**

We have no additional suggestions for language that should be added to the proposed mission statement.

3. **Feedback on any specific language that could be removed from the proposed mission statement and why**

We have no suggestions for language that could be removed from the proposed mission statement.

CHEST appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to NIH regarding its mission statement and its efforts for inclusivity. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our suggestions further.