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Subject: EFCAM contribution to the consultation launched by DG Research

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find accompanying this letter a short submission from this newly formed platform for CAM in Europe.

EFCAM has been formed in response to the EU Commission's call for single umbrella bodies to represent the various stakeholders sharing broad areas of interest and concern in the EU. EFCAM is therefore established to represent the collective views of practitioners and users of complementary and alternative medicine and healthcare. EFCAM currently represents organisations from 22 European countries.

The rising toll of chronic disease in Europe is one of the main drivers causing EU citizens to turn to CAM approaches to healthcare. For this reason alone we consider it essential that the EU to allocate specific research funding to investigate this phenomena and to research the safety and efficacy of the individual practices being used as well as their potential to contribute to the future 'good health' of EU citizens.

We look forward to seeing the Commission's response to this consultation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Gordon', written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Gordon,
EFCAM Secretary