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## Victoria Blatter Joins Haystack Project's Board of Directors

SEVERNA PARK, MD—March 30, 2023. Haystack Project is pleased to announce the appointment of Victoria Blatter, MPH to the organization's board of directors.

Haystack Project announced today that Victoria Blatter, MPH will join Haystack Project's board of directors. Blatter brings over 20 years of leadership in industry and government, legislative expertise and a wide breadth of knowledge around patient access to care.

"Victoria is a dynamic thought leader," said Chevese Turner, chief executive officer of Haystack Project. "Her intelligence, wisdom, and broad network will make her a valuable member to an already talented board. I am grateful for her willingness to share her experience and knowledge which will ultimately benefit patients in the rare and ultra-rare community."

Blatter is the recently retired Senior Vice President, Global Government Affairs for Amgen where she was responsible for federal and state legislative issues and managing relationships with U.S. agencies, legislatures and governmental administrations. She was also responsible for international lobbying and diplomacy in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Amgen, she worked at Merck & Co., Inc. as Vice President of U.S. Policy and Federal Government Relations and previously served as professional staff for the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and as minority staff director for the U.S. House Select Committee on Aging' Subcommittee on Retirement Income and Employment. She received bachelor of arts from Binghamton University and a master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

"A deep commitment to access is vitally important to the rare and especially ultra-rare communities," Blatter said. "I'm thrilled to contribute to Haystack Project's work providing new hope to patients by addressing systemic issues that limit access to care." ###

## About

Haystack Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization enabling rare and ultra-rare disease patient advocacy organizations to coordinate efforts that address systemic value and access barriers. Our core mission is to evolve health care payment and delivery systems to make innovation and quality treatments accessible to all Americans living with or caring for someone with a rare or ultra-rare condition. We strive to amplify the patient and caregiver voice in disease states where unmet need is high, and treatment delays and inadequacies can be catastrophic. For more information, visit haystackproject.org. Follow Haystack Project on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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