# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS FORCE - FACING OUR RISK OF CANCER EMPOWERED, INC.

December 31, 2022 and 2021

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors FORCE - Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc.

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of FORCE - Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc. ("FORCE") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FORCE as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of FORCE and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about FORCE's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of FORCE's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about FORCE's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 25, 2023, on our consideration of FORCE's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering FORCE's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Tampa, Florida April 25, 2023

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## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## December 31,

	2022		2021	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents (note A4) Investments (notes A5, C and D) Accounts receivable (note A6) Pledges receivable (notes A7 and E) Prepaid expenses	\$	451,794 1,982,242 - 10,000 23,975	\$ 1,397,408 1,072,537 56,000 1,000 1,418	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,468,011	\$ 2,528,363	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	71,707	\$ 64,048	
Total current liabilities		71,707	 64,048	
NET ASSETS (notes A2 and G) Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions Total net assets		2,283,804 112,500 2,396,304	 2,349,731 114,584 2,464,315	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,468,011	\$ 2,528,363	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

## For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Without donorWith donorrestrictionsrestrictions		Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Contributions and private grants	\$ 687,689	\$ 250,000	\$ 937,689	
Government grant	360,000	-	360,000	
Conference income	277,490	-	277,490	
Program sponsorships and				
research recruitment	599,857	-	599,857	
Other	4,105	-	4,105	
Investment income (note C)	22,330		22,330	
Total revenue and support	1,951,471	250,000	2,201,471	
Net assets released from restrictions	252,084	(252,084)		
Total revenue, support, and net				
assets released from restrictions	2,203,555	(2,084)	2,201,471	
EXPENSES				
Program expenses	1,765,085		1,765,085	
Supporting services				
Management and general	194,793	-	194,793	
Fundraising	309,604		309,604	
Total supporting services	504,397		504,397	
Total expenses	2,269,482		2,269,482	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(65,927)	(2,084)	(68,011)	
Net assets at beginning of year	2,349,731	114,584	2,464,315	
Net assets at end of year	\$ 2,283,804	\$ 112,500	\$ 2,396,304	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

## For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Without donorWith donorrestrictionsrestrictions		Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				
Contributions and private grants	\$ 809,294	\$ 41,667	\$ 850,961	
Government grant	360,000	-	360,000	
Conference income	201,000	-	201,000	
Program sponsorships and				
research recruitment	922,112	-	922,112	
Other	5,382	-	5,382	
Investment income (note C)	1,065		1,065	
Total revenue and support	2,298,853	41,667	2,340,520	
Net assets released from restrictions	221,500	(221,500)		
Total revenue, support, and net				
assets released from restrictions	2,520,353	(179,833)	2,340,520	
EXPENSES				
Program expenses	1,491,229	-	1,491,229	
Supporting services				
Management and general	245,085	-	245,085	
Fundraising	240,888		240,888	
Total supporting services	485,973	-	485,973	
Total expenses	1,977,202		1,977,202	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	543,151	(179,833)	363,318	
Net assets at beginning of year	1,806,580	294,417	2,100,997	
Net assets at end of year	\$ 2,349,731	\$ 114,584	\$ 2,464,315	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## For the year ended December 31,

	2022		2021	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Change in net assets	\$	(68,011)	\$	363,318
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net				
cash provided by operating activities				
Net realized and unrealized loss (gain)				
on value of investments		4,106		707
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable		56,000		(53,950)
(Increase) decrease in pledges receivable		(9,000)		1,000
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		(22,559)		3,572
Increase in accounts payable		7,661		7,263
Total adjustments		36,208		(41,408)
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities		(31,803)		321,910
Cash flows from investing activities				
Reinvestment of interest from investments		(26,436)		(1,772)
Net cash (provided) used by investing activities		(887,375)		601,815
Net cash (provided) used by investing activities		(913,811)		600,043
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(945,614)		921,953
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,397,408		475,455
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	451,794	\$	1,397,408
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information Cash paid during the year				
Interest	\$	-	\$	-
Taxes	\$		\$	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

## For the year ended December 31, 2022

	Program Expenses	Management and General	Fundraising and Development	Total	
Bank fees	\$-	\$ 14,752	\$ -	\$ 14,752	
Communications	10,285	2,341	1,420	14,046	
Conference	98,716	-	-	98,716	
Insurance	39	12,693	-	12,732	
Miscellaneous	14,063	5,653	1,063	20,779	
Office supplies	2,541	579	148	3,268	
Personnel costs	1,007,464	78,502	249,890	1,335,856	
Postage	6,640	2,188	1,836	10,664	
Printing	14,758	258	10,358	25,374	
Contract services	370,556	70,119	4,856	445,531	
Promotional	33,529	-	8,368	41,897	
Software	61,906	6,258	17,581	85,745	
Subscriptions	14,184	-	-	14,184	
Travel	16,352	-	11,352	27,704	
Website	114,052	1,450	2,732	118,234	
	\$ 1,765,085	\$ 194,793	\$ 309,604	\$ 2,269,482	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

## For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Program Expenses	Management and General	Fundraising and Development	Total	
Bank fees	\$-	\$ 11,790	\$ 233	\$ 12,023	
Communications	3,391	1,882	1,204	6,477	
Conference	59,536	45,880	1,680	107,096	
Insurance	-	12,796	-	12,796	
Miscellaneous	4,389	5,616	720	10,725	
Office supplies	3,110	1,462	-	4,572	
Personnel costs	874,696	72,207	202,126	1,149,029	
Postage	3,701	1,780	-	5,481	
Printing	5,772	714	-	6,486	
Contract services	386,720	70,966	20,057	477,743	
Promotional	26,995	301	-	27,296	
Software	59,696	13,800	13,718	87,214	
Subscriptions	1,519	39	-	1,558	
Travel	-	636	-	636	
Website	61,704	5,216	1,150	68,070	
	\$ 1,491,229	\$ 245,085	\$ 240,888	\$ 1,977,202	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## December 31, 2022 and 2021

# NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the organization's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

#### 1. <u>Description of the Organization</u>

FORCE - Facing our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc. (FORCE) is a nonprofit organization with exempt status, as described in Section 501(c)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code, effective since July 1, 1999. FORCE is headquartered in Hillsborough County, Florida with outreach community groups located throughout the United States and in other countries.

FORCE improves the lives of the millions of individuals and families facing hereditary breast, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, colorectal and endometrial cancers. FORCE's community includes people with a BRCA, ATM, PALB2, CHEK2, PTEN or other inherited gene mutation and those diagnosed with Lynch syndrome. FORCE accomplishes this through education, support, advocacy and research efforts.

FORCE is dedicated to providing up-to-date, expert-reviewed information and resources that help people make informed medical decisions. FORCE's strong, supportive community of peers and professionals ensures no one must face hereditary cancer alone. FORCE serves as a champion, unifying the community and advocating for awareness, access to care, and better treatment and prevention options.

#### 2. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements, presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on FORCE as a whole, and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This has been accomplished by classification of assets, liabilities, and net assets into two self-balancing net asset groups as follow:

- <u>With Donor Restriction</u> Net assets with donor restrictions are net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be fulfilled by actions of FORCE to meet the stipulations, that may become undesignated by the passage of time, or that require net assets to be permanently maintained, thereby restricting the use of principal.
- <u>Without Donor Restriction</u> Net assets without donor restrictions are net assets not subject to donor-imposed restrictions or the donor-imposed restrictions have expired. These net assets are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Directors and/or management for general operating purposes.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

#### December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### 3. <u>Liquidity</u>

Assets and liabilities are presented in the accompanying statement of financial position according to their nearness of conversion to cash and, their maturity and resulting use of cash, respectively. See note G for more information on liquidity and availability of assets.

#### 4. Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid short-term money instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased and were approximately \$112,000 and \$104,000 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

#### 5. Investments

Investments are comprised of money market funds, certificates of deposit, corporate equity securities and U.S. government obligations. Under current accounting guidance, all investments in marketable equity securities with readily determinable fair values and investments in debt securities are valued at their estimated fair values in the statements of financial position. Net investment return is reported in the statements of activities and consists of interest and dividend income and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

#### 6. <u>Accounts Receivable</u>

Accounts receivable consist of amounts owed to FORCE for program sponsorships and research recruitment. Management expects the accounts receivable balance to be fully collectable.

#### 7. <u>Pledges Receivable</u>

Pledges receivable represent unconditional promises to give by donors. The fair value of pledges receivable is estimated by discounting expected net future cash flows using a rate of return based on the yield of a U.S. Treasury Security with a maturity date similar to the expected collection period. Management believes all pledges receivable to be fully collectable. As such, no provision for uncollected amounts is included at December 31, 2022 and 2021 in the accompanying financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

#### December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

#### 8. Noncash Contributions

Donated materials and services are recorded as contributions at their estimated values at the date of receipt. No amounts have been recorded for donated materials since no materials were donated in the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. Also, no amounts have been recorded for volunteer services since no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services. However, a substantial number of volunteers have donated significant time in the services of FORCE.

#### 9. <u>Advertising</u>

Advertising costs (direct mail) are expensed when incurred.

#### 10. Functional Expenses

FORCE allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs and services. Expenses that can be identified with a specific revenue and support service are allocated directly according to their natural expenditure classification. Expenses that benefit multiple functional areas have been allocated across programs, general and administrative, and fundraising expenses based on the proportion of employee time involved.

#### 11. Reclassification

Certain reclassifications of the prior year's comparative balances have been made to conform to the current year presentation.

#### NOTE B - AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

FORCE has the following financial assets that could readily be made available within one year of the balance sheet to fund expenses at December 31,:

	2022	2021
Cash without donor restrictions Investments Cash with donor restrictions	\$ 339,294 1,982,242 112,500	\$ 1,282,824 1,072,537 114,584
	\$ 2,434,036	\$ 2,469,945

FORCE has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash and cash equivalents, on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses, which are on average, approximately \$350,000.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

FORCE records its investments at fair market value. Investments consists of the following at December 31,:

	2022	2021
Cash held for investments	\$ 102,547	\$ 1,047,259
Certificates of deposit funds	919,435	1,072,537
Common stock	9,095	-
Treasury bonds	1,053,712	-
	\$ 2,084,789	\$ 2,119,796

A summary of return on investments consists of the following for the years ended December 31,:

	2022			2021	
Interest and dividends Net realized and unrealized loss	\$	\$    26,436 (4,106)		1,772 (707)	
Total return	\$	22,330	\$	1,065	

#### NOTE D - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

FORCE follows accounting guidance which defines fair value, expands disclosure requirements, and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques. The disclosure of fair value estimates is based on whether the significant inputs into the valuation are observable. In determining the level of hierarchy in which the estimate is disclosed, the highest priority is given to unadjusted quoted process in active markets and the lowest to unobservable inputs. FORCE measures investments at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following is a brief description of the type of valuation information (inputs) that qualifies a financial asset for each level

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities traded in active markets which are accessible by FORCE.

Level 2 – Observable prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities. Prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active. Market inputs that are not directly observable but are derives from or corroborated by observable market data.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE D - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - Continued

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs based on FORCE's own judgment as to assumptions a market participant would use, including inputs derived from extrapolation and interpolation that are not corroborated by observable market data.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for significant assets and liabilities measured at fair value at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

*Certificates of deposits:* measured at fair value based on quoted market prices on an active market. These are classified as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Maturities of certificates of deposits are less than 18 months.

*Equity securities:* measured at fair value based on quoted market prices on an active market. These are classified as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

*U.S Treasury obligations:* based on market prices provided by recognized broker dealers. These are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while FORCE believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

FORCE evaluates the various types of financial assets and liabilities to determine the appropriate fair value hierarchy based upon trading activity and the observability of market inputs.

FORCE employs control processes to validate the reasonableness of the fair value estimates of its assets and liabilities, including those estimates based on prices and quotes obtained from independent third-party sources.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

#### December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE D - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - Continued

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, FORCE's assets at fair value as of:

December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Certificates of deposit funds Equity securities Treasury obligations	\$ 919,435 9,095 	\$ - - 1,053,712	\$ - - -	\$ 919,435 9,095 1,053,712
	\$ 928,530	\$ 1,053,712	\$ -	\$ 1,982,242
December 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Certificates of deposit funds	\$ 1,072,537	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 1,072,537

## NOTE E - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Pledges receivable are summarized as follows at December 31,:

	 2022	 2021
Total unconditional pledges Less allowance for uncollectable pledges	\$ 10,000 -	\$ 1,000 -
Total pledges receivable, net	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000

Pledges receivable to be collected after December 31, 2022 are as follows:

#### Year ending December 31,

2023 <u>\$ 10,000</u>

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE F - INCOME TAXES

FORCE has been recognized as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Chapter 220.13 of the Florida Statutes, respectively. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been presented in these financial statements. FORCE has not reported any unrelated business income; however, such status is subject to final determination upon examination, if any, of the related income tax returns by the appropriate taxing authorities.

FORCE is not aware of any tax positions it has taken that are subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. Tax years after 2019 remain subject to examination by federal and state taxing authorities.

#### NOTE G - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTION

Net assets with donor restriction contain donor-imposed restrictions that expire upon the passage of time or once specific actions are undertaken by FORCE. The net assets are then released and reclassified to unrestricted support when they are expended.

Net assets with donor restriction consisted of the following as of December 31,:

	2022		2021	
PartnerFORCE Affiliate Program PALS Program Digital Learning Program XRAY Colorectal Cancer	\$	62,500 50,000 - -	\$	72,917 - 37,500 4,167
Total	\$	112,500	\$	114,584

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by donors. The net assets released from restrictions are as follows for the years ended December 31,:

	 2022		2021	
Net assets released due to purpose restriction accomplished	\$ 252,084	\$	221,500	
	\$ 252,084	\$	221,500	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

December 31, 2022 and 2021

#### NOTE H - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

FORCE maintains cash and cash equivalent balances at financial institutions that at times are in excess of federally insured limits. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures accounts at this institution for amounts up to \$250,000. FORCE did not have any uninsured bank deposits at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

#### NOTE I - RETIREMENT PLAN

FORCE participates in a tax-deferred retirement plan whose assets are held by an investment company as trustee. Discretionary contributions to the plan are based on a percentage of eligible employees' compensation as defined by the plan. FORCE employees participated in the plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, however, no matching contributions were made.

#### NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

FORCE has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to December 31, 2022 as of April 25, 2023 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## COMPLIANCE REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors FORCE - Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of FORCE - Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Inc. ("FORCE") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 2023.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered FORCE's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of FORCE's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of FORCE's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether FORCE's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of FORCE's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering FORCE's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Tampa, Florida April 25, 2023

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