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The Honorable Patty Murray, Chairwoman
The Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murry and Senator Burr:

The Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Transgender (LBGT) Physician Assistant (PA) Caucus strongly urges you to confirm Dr. Rachel Levine for the office of Assistant Secretary of Health.

As a recognized constituency organization of the American Academy of PAs, the LBGT PA Caucus mission is achieving LGBT healthcare equality – wherever PAs are providing quality services and PA students are being educated. The Caucus vision is that all PAs and PA students will achieve their full potential, and health outcomes will be independent of social determinants.

We know that Dr. Levine is the most appropriate candidate for Assistant Secretary of Health. She has proven her leadership capabilities in her role as Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, her election as President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials confirms the degree of trust and respect afforded her among her public health colleagues.

Furthermore, Dr. Levine is aware of the disparities within the delivery of healthcare in the United States, as demonstrated by her previous academic work. She is poised to use her position to work toward fairness and equitable care for underserved populations, which, in turn, will make a healthier future for the entire country.

We hope that the Senate recognizes Dr. Levine's skills and accomplishments and confirms her as Assistant Secretary of Health.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors,

Jeff Straw, MPAS, PA-C
Secretary
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