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The Honorable Susan Monarez, PhD  
Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Department of Health and Human Services  
1600 Clifton Road NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Director Monarez,

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment and confirmation as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA), the leading organization in dermatological care representing over 17,500 dermatologists nationwide, is eager to serve as a resource to you and your team as you embark on your tenure leading the CDC.

The AADA is committed to excellence in the medical and surgical treatment of skin disease, advocating high standards in clinical practice, education, and research in dermatology, and supporting and enhancing patient care to reduce the burden of disease. As the leading voice in dermatology and dermatopathology, the AADA is uniquely positioned to provide insight and expertise across various health policy areas, from advancing sun safety and skin cancer prevention efforts, to supporting the development and implementation of evidence-based guidance for infectious skin diseases.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the CDC to address complex challenges in disease control and prevention. We look forward to working together to advance policies that protect public health, promote science-driven innovation, and strengthen the nation's readiness to confront infectious diseases and biosecurity threats. If we can be of service to you, please contact Karry La Violette, Senior Vice President, Advocacy & Policy, at [klaviolette@aad.org](mailto:klaviolette@aad.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan C. Taylor MD, FAAD'.

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