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The Honorable Martin Makary, MD, MPH  
Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Ave  
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Commissioner Makary,

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment and confirmation as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). 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 begin your tenure leading the FDA.

The AADA is committed to excellence in the medical and surgical treatment of skin disease, advocating for 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, the AADA is uniquely positioned to offer insight and expertise on key FDA regulatory challenges and is committed to advancing policies that promote innovation, remove barriers to care, and ensure patients have continued access to safe and effective therapies.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the FDA to address the many challenges facing our healthcare system, to advance policies that align with the agency's mission to protect public health, ensure the safety and effectiveness of medical products, and support science-driven innovation. Should you need additional information or wish to connect further, 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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