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February 26, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment and confirmation as Secretary of Health and Human Services. 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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, the AADA is well-positioned to offer insight and expertise across various health policy areas, from Medicare payment reform and patient access to care, to public health initiatives and regulatory challenges impacting healthcare delivery.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with you as you address the many challenges facing our healthcare system. We look forward to working together to advance policies that improve patient care and promote public health. If we can be of service to you, please contact Karry La Violette, Senior Vice President, Advocacy & Policy, at klaviolette@aad.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seemal R. Desai MD FAAD'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with 'Seemal' and 'R.' being more stylized, while 'Desai', 'MD', and 'FAAD' are more clearly legible.

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