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Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH  
Room 5127  
1600 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Walensky,

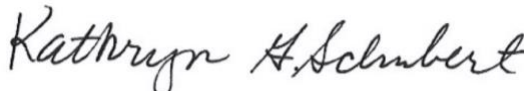
On behalf of the Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR), congratulations on your appointment as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC).

SWHR is a national nonprofit dedicated to promoting research on biological sex differences in disease and improving women's health through science, policy, and education. SWHR championed the framework for the scientific discipline of sex-based biology, which encourages the inclusion of female subjects in clinical trials and analyzes differences between women and men in relation to disease. For over 30 years, SWHR has brought attention to diseases and conditions that disproportionately or differently impact women. Now more than ever, it is crucial that women's health remain a high priority on the national agenda.

Given the critical need to address inequities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate your commitment to leading the CDC into the future with an eye toward strengthening our public health infrastructure and improving national health equity. As you know, women's health is at a critical juncture. The CDC is poised to continue its important role in reducing maternal mortality and ensuring a robust response to public health threats, including the ongoing pandemic.

Again, congratulations. We look forward to serving as a resource to the CDC on women's health in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Kathryn G. Schubert, MPP  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Society for Women's Health Research