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April 6, 2021

Xavier Becerra, JD
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Room 120F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra,

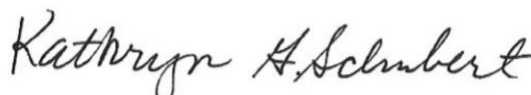
On behalf of the Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR), congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

SWHR is 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 conditions that disproportionately or differently impact women. Now more than ever, it is crucial women's health remain a high priority on the national agenda.

We are looking forward to working with you to make women's health mainstream, and are ready to assist with HHS' work related to women's health equity. Your championship of issues that improve women's health, including your work in protecting the Affordable Care Act, which created numerous Offices of Women's Health throughout HHS agencies and provided for preventive measures aimed at improving women's health and wellbeing, will be important moving forward. We encourage you to continue work to address historic inequities in the health system, the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research, and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic during your tenure.

SWHR again extends our congratulations on your confirmation. We look forward to serving as a resource to you and your staff on women's health in the coming years.

Sincerely,



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