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May 19, 2021

Andrea J. Palm, M.S.W.  
Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Deputy Secretary Palm,

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

Founded in 1990, 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 the differences between women and men in relation to disease. For over 30 years, SWHR has brought attention to the variety of diseases and conditions that disproportionately or predominately impact women. Now more than ever, it is crucial women's health remain a high priority on the national agenda.

SWHR appreciates your work in Wisconsin, and specifically your leadership of the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope that you will continue your leadership efforts with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and work to expand affordable health care, address health inequities, and make women's health a priority in your new role with HHS.

Again, SWHR extends our congratulations on your confirmation. We look forward to serving as a resource to your agency on women's health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn G. Schubert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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