



December 8, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman, Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member, Senate HELP Committee
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Burr,

On behalf of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), I submit this letter of support endorsing Dr. Robert Califf, nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

AMCP is the professional association leading the way to help patients get the medications they need at a cost they can afford. AMCP's diverse membership of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, biopharmaceutical professionals, and other stakeholders leverage their specialized expertise in clinical evidence and economics to optimize medication benefit design and population health management, while helping patients access safe, cost-effective medications and other therapies. AMCP members improve the lives of nearly 300 million Americans served by private and public health plans, pharmacy benefit management firms, and emerging care models.

With nearly 40 years of experience, Dr. Califf is one of the most respected clinical trial researchers in the country and an internationally recognized expert in cardiovascular medicine. He has led many landmark clinical trials and is one of the most frequently cited authors in biomedical science, with more than 1,200 publications in peer-reviewed literature. Dr. Califf played a pivotal role in the FDA under President Obama, serving as Deputy Commissioner for Medical Products and Tobacco beginning in February 2015 and as FDA Commissioner from February 2016 to January 2017. Prior to joining FDA, Dr. Califf was Vice Chancellor for clinical and translational research at Duke University, director of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute, and founding director of the Duke Clinical Research Institute. He is currently a professor of medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine and Head of Clinical Policy at Verily Life Sciences, a life sciences research organization.

Given Dr. Califf's considerable experience across both the public and private sectors, along with his expertise on health disparities, health outcomes research, and quality of care, AMCP stands ready to

partner with him as FDA Commissioner on increasing patient access to affordable medicines, improving health outcomes, and ensuring health equity for all Americans.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Dr. Robert Califf. Given his substantial knowledge and unquestionable qualifications, Dr. Califf is an excellent choice to serve as FDA Commissioner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Cantrell".

Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE
Chief Executive Officer