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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Senate Health, Education, Labor and
Pensions Committee
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Health, Education, Labor and
Pensions Committee
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

The American Medical Association (AMA) is very pleased to offer our strong support for the nomination of Dr. Stephen Hahn, MD, FASTRO, to serve as the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

As you know, Dr. Hahn's impressive resume shows significant leadership experience in academic medical settings. Dr. Hahn has been widely praised for his work at MD Anderson Cancer Center, one of the nation's premier oncology providers, where he assumed the role of Chief Medical Executive after several years leading MD Anderson's radiation oncology unit. Throughout his career, Dr. Hahn has held numerous management positions and has positively navigated a number of challenges. Dr. Hahn is credited with "righting the ship" at MD Anderson during a time of financial strain. Furthermore, while at MD Anderson, Dr. Hahn has been well regarded for his handling of several high-profile controversies. Such leadership and management experience at such a renowned institution as MD Anderson is excellent training for leading the FDA.

Dr. Hahn specializes in radiation oncology, receiving his medical degree from Temple University, with residency training at the University of California San Francisco and the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. He is board certified in both radiation oncology and medical oncology. Dr. Hahn spent a significant portion of his career at the University of Pennsylvania, serving as division head and ultimately department chair of the university's radiation oncology unit. He has played an active role in organized medicine; he is an AMA member, and is affiliated with the American Society of Radiation Oncology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The AMA believes Dr. Hahn's expertise makes him well suited to be a successful Commissioner of the FDA. We look forward to his prompt consideration and confirmation in the Senate.

Sincerely,

James L. Madara, MD