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The Honorable Ayanna Pressley
United States House of Representatives
1108 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Lee
United States House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: In support of S.162 and H.R.666 The Anti-Racism in Public Health Act

Dear Representative Pressley, Senator Warren, and Representative Lee,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations which represent physicians, physicians in training, medical students and undergraduate students aspiring to become physicians, and other health care professionals, we thank you for introducing S.162 and H.R.666 The Anti-Racism in Public Health Act. As organizations that value and promote equity and public health, and that denounce racism and inequity, we are very pleased to endorse your legislation, which would ensure that structural racism is declared a public health crisis and confront the impact of structural racism on public health through two greatly needed programs within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It is clear that structural racism has resulted in profound disparities in social determinants of health, including but not limited to quality housing, education, food, and transportation, and is a significant barrier to achieving health equity and in eliminating persistent and profound inequities in health outcomes affecting people and communities of color throughout the United States.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. We urge the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to work with you to swiftly approve this legislation and are eager to help you in that goal.

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Sincerely,

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American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Medical Student Association
American Physician Scientists Association
Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
Doctors for America
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
Medical Student Pride Alliance
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
National Hispanic Medical Association
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