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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health  
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 129,000 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write in response to the [solicitation for comments](#) on the development of the *Healthy People 2030 framework* as published in the June 28, 2017 *Federal Register*. The AAFP appreciates that the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion seeks public input on the *Healthy People 2030* proposed framework, including the vision, mission, overarching goals, plan of action, and foundational principles. We continue to support these science-based, 10-year national objectives for promoting health and preventing disease. We offer the following suggestions and reactions in order to improve the utility of the *Healthy People 2030* framework.

The AAFP reviewed the proposed framework and generally found it positive, however we also found it rather vague, lacking detail, and somewhat unrealistic. We urge HHS to consider further detail with the objectives by focusing on fewer items that clearly show goals that could be accomplished. Regarding the mission statement, “To promote and evaluate the Nation’s efforts to improve the health and well-being of its people,” our reviewers questioned whether the mission statement should be merely to “evaluate” or whether it should be enhanced to “evaluate, measure, and report” on the well-being of the Nation’s people. Furthermore, we request clarification on how the terms “health” and “well-being” are defined. Finally, we recommend HHS better align metrics across federal agencies and better describe the role of different federal agencies toward achieving Healthy People 2030 goals.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the *Healthy People 2030* proposed framework. For any questions you might have, please contact Bellinda Schoof, MHA, CPHQ, Division Director, Health of the Public and Science at 800-274-2237, extension 3160 or [bschoof@aafp.org](mailto:bschoof@aafp.org).

Sincerely,

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