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Dear Ms. Sheridan,

On behalf of the organizations representing family medicine, the Council of Academic Family Medicine which includes the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Association of Departments of Family Medicine, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, we write in support of the NAPCRG's proposal to PCORI.

This proposal, under the Training and Development Awards category of the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards, addresses several of the high priority goals of both PCORI and family medicine. We are pleased to see both patients and community family physicians incorporated into the design of this proposal. As you may know, patient and community partners were involved in the design of this proposal.

We are excited about the process of training patients with insight into the needs of primary care research, as well as community family physicians, to be effective and valuable participants on PCORI review panels. We commit our organizations to helping recruit primary care providers and patients to participate. In addition, family medicine educators have experience with train-the-trainer models which can help magnify the benefits of this proposal across the country. We would also very much like to see "pipeline to proposal" awards resulting from this strategy as it moves forward.

We hope PCORI will give this proposal its support. Along with PCORI, we are truly behind a major transformation in the way medical research is conducted in the US – both in terms of patient-centeredness with patient engagement at the forefront, and in terms of the needs of the public for primary care oriented research.

Sincerely,



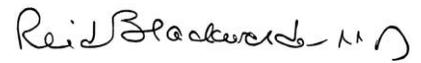
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