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Dear Senators:

As the world's largest association of life-affirming medical professionals, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and AAPLOG Action have been closely following news regarding the incoming administration's choices for leadership of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We were founded to represent the vast majority of OB/GYNs who do not perform induced abortion, which intends the death of our fetal patients and often causes significant harm to our maternal patients as well. We recognize, based on the medical evidence, that this practice is not healthcare, and we are passionate about providing excellent, evidence-based healthcare for ALL our patients.

As you know, HHS has the most influential role of any governmental agency over those of us practicing life-affirming medicine and in ensuring the protection of conscience rights. As such, the leaders of the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and HHS overall are vitally important nominees for our confidence in the advancement of life-affirming policies over the next four years. We are heartened to hear the positive reports regarding the meetings many of you have had with these nominees on these topics.

As the confirmation process gets underway, we want to share with you the following priorities that are of special concern and require urgent, public commitment from the nominees:

- Stronger safety regulations governing the use of mifepristone, including a review of its original approval process and a reinstatement of in-person visits, the pre-2016 REMS, and adverse event reporting
- Protection of conscience rights for all medical professionals and entities – especially those of medical students and residents who are more vulnerable in their burgeoning careers

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- Clarification as to nominees' stance on induced abortion later in pregnancy and what they believe is the proper gestational limit
- Transparency, not ideology, when it comes to peer-reviewed publications about induced abortion, the regulation and effects of mifepristone, and data collection about all pregnancy outcomes

There are of course many other areas in which the federal government can support life-affirming medicine. But as practitioners who are committed to excellent healthcare for all our patients, both born and preborn, these priorities are non-negotiables for us.

We look forward to the confirmation process and hearing more about these nominees' positions and commitments to transparency in healthcare and advancing protections for life-affirming medicine, medical professionals, and our patients. We are happy to provide any background or additional information to you or your staff on these or related topics going forward. Thank you for your service to our great nation, for your thoroughness in this process, and for your work to ensure Americans receive the best possible medical care and the most accurate information about that care.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina Francis".

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