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Dear Dr. Doolittle,

On behalf of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM), I am very pleased to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association (MPPDA). This year marks the 50th anniversary that a combined training program in internal medicine and pediatrics has been formally recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. The unique training program empowers physicians to care for patients throughout a lifetime, provide both primary care and subspecialty care, manage complex illnesses, and its graduates are particularly well prepared for managing people with chronic illnesses as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

APDIM and MPPDA have been tightly integrated for years. MPPDA's participation in APDIM Council is extremely valuable and the workshops run by MPPDA members at our national meetings are consistently of the highest quality. As an Internal Medicine Program Director for the past 12 years, I highly value the perspective that Med-Peds residents, and attendings, bring to conferences and in the care for our patients.

Again, please accept our enthusiastic congratulations.

Sincerely,

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President, Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine

cc: Allen Friedland, MD, FACP, FAAP