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Dear Dr. Friedland:

On behalf of the AAP Committee on Pediatric Education (COPE), I am writing to extend my sincerest congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the specialty of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics (Med-Peds).

In 2000, the landmark publication of Final Report of the FOPE II Pediatric Generalists of the Future Workgroup, noted that "Thus far, Med-Peds has created a legacy that pediatric departments can use to increase their familiarity with access to other areas of excellence within their own institutions." The Committee finds that this important attribute of Med-Peds remains a strong component of medical education today. As you will recall, the Committee previously looked at the educational implications of transitions of patients from pediatric to adult medicine care. Here, too, Med-Peds training continues to fulfill the predications of the FOPE II Report: "The discipline can also develop models and mechanisms to improve the probability that the morbidities pediatricians strive to prevent will not be underemphasized as children transition to adult care."

In addition to the importance of Med-Peds to the pediatrician workforce, I also want to remark upon on your important role on the Committee on Pediatric Education. The directives to this Committee state, in part:

The purpose of the Committee on Pediatric Education is to act as a think tank within the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for discussion, consensus building and collaboration on emerging issues facing pediatric education. This will include research, curriculum and faculty development, outcome measures, and practice issues, and regulatory and legislative proposals as they relate to pediatric education.

Since 1991, the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association has had an important voice in the deliberations and projects of the Committee. In recent years, this has been largely due to your expertise in bringing forward the perspectives of your specialty and issues relevant to Med-Peds training and practice. This has immeasurably enhanced the Committee's deliberations.

Again, congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the specialty of Internal Medicine-Pediatrics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Guralnick MD".

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