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Re: Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices June 25-26, 2025

Dear Acting Director,

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) expresses our appreciation for the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) commitment to restoring public trust in vaccines. We applaud all efforts aimed at increasing vaccine uptake across the United States to protect and promote public health.

However, we are concerned by the recent termination of all 17 voting members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Based on SHEA's experience as both an advisory member of ACIP and a professional medical society, we have consistently observed that the committee's recommendations are grounded in rigorous, evidence-based deliberations. We do not believe that recent ACIP members were conflicted in their roles.

SHEA has full confidence in the integrity of ACIP's existing conflict of interest policies and processes, which are designed to ensure transparency and maintain public trust in its decision-making. ACIP has long served as a trusted authority in guiding national immunization policy, and we are proud to have collaborated with the committee in advancing public health through a transparent and deliberative process.

We are deeply concerned that any efforts to restructure or replace ACIP could undermine this trusted, science-driven process. As HHS considers potential changes, we strongly urge the Department to prioritize transparency, scientific rigor, and public health expertise.

SHEA remains steadfast in our commitment to defending a strong, evidence-based immunization framework in the United States. We welcome continued collaboration to ensure that immunization policy remains rooted in science and public trust.

Sincerely,

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