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Mrs. Melania Trump
725 5th Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Trump:

On behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), a non-profit professional organization of 66,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists from around the country dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults, I write to congratulate you and President-Elect Donald J. Trump on your election victory. As the transition process gets underway, the AAP requests an opportunity to meet with you to discuss your goals for children in the new Administration.

Our members were encouraged by your speech on November 3 and your desire to be an advocate for children in your role as First Lady. The AAP shares your view that social media can be a useful tool for connection and communication among children and youth but also a place where caring adults need to protect them. Whether online cyberbullying or in person, bullying of children can result in long term negative and potentially devastating impacts. All children are subject to bullying but it is particularly pernicious when bullying occurs toward children already vulnerable because of minority status, religion or sexual orientation. The AAP has focused on bullying prevention activities and would welcome the opportunity to join with you on your initiative.

The AAP looks forward to working with you and President-Elect Trump to promote healthy children, support secure families, build strong communities, and ensure that the United States is a leading nation for children. AAP members across the country are ready and willing to assist you and President-Elect Trump in taking a thoughtful approach to optimal child development, which is the single best investment we can make for our country's future.

To arrange a meeting with the AAP, please contact Mark Del Monte, JD, Chief Deputy and Senior Vice President for Advocacy and External Relations at 202/ 347-8600 or mdelmonte@aap.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benard Dreyer".

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