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Dear Drs. Carome, AbuDagga, Wolfe, and Oshel:

On behalf of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), I would like to thank you for your August 19th letter and for sharing with us the recommendations found in your report "15-Year Summary of Sexual Misconduct by U.S. Physicians Reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, 2003 — 2017."

Physician sexual misconduct is an issue that the FSMB and state medical boards take seriously and have worked hard to address in recent years. We appreciate your acknowledgement of the sweeping policy recommendations adopted by the FSMB House of Delegates in May and are pleased to see that many of our recommendations closely align with those put forth in your report.

We are encouraged by the number of state medical boards that have shared with us the work they are already doing, or plan to do, in order to combat physician sexual misconduct and abuse. A main area of FSMB's continued focus on this issue is to educate the public about how to report instances of physician misconduct, especially sexual misconduct, to their state medical



board. Your report and efforts to raise awareness on this issue will help further that education and empower patients to come forward to seek recourse from sexually abusive physicians.

We thank you for sharing with us your additional recommendations and appreciate your commitment to addressing an issue of mutual concern to Public Citizen and the FSMB.

Sincerely,

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