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Eliza Lo Chin
Executive Director
American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

Dear Ms. Chin,

Welcome to the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health! We are delighted that your organization has decided to join us in our important mission. As you know, the Consortium— a group of fourteen American medical societies representing over 450,000 physicians—over half the doctors in the country, has come together with a clear mission,¹ which is to inform the public and policymakers about the harmful health effects of climate change on Americans, and about the immediate and long-term health benefits associated with decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and other preventive and protective measures.

The Consortium also has affiliate partners – patient advocacy organizations and groups representing other health and social service practitioners -- seeking to build awareness about the health relevance of climate change, and to speed the adoption of solutions that will protect vulnerable people and communities.

As a new member you will be added to our membership listserv and receive our monthly newsletter and quarterly updates. We will send occasional letters intended for public release for your approval to represent our mutual concerns on the health impacts of climate change. We will also send interview/speaking engagement requests, announcements, webinars invitations, and information about our annual meeting, which will be held April 8-10, 2018 in Washington, DC. We request that you send us your organizations logo so that we can add it to our website. Please also see the attached roles and responsibilities document for further information.

The Consortium is very receptive to new ideas. As the Executive Director, I am always happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at 703-993-2086 or by email at msarfaty@gmu.edu. Again, we are delighted to have the American Medical Women's Association join us, and look forward to many years of rewarding association.

Sincerely,

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¹ American College of Physicians (ACP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI), American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM), American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), American Geriatrics Society (AGS), Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine (AIHM), American Association of Community Psychiatrists (AACCP), National Medical Association (NMA), Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM), Society of Gynecologic Oncology, American Telemedicine Association (ATA) and the California Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians