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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force (Task Force), I would like to thank you for your participation, time and thoughtful input to inform the Task Force and its recommendations. These will help the health and lives of patients with acute and chronic pain throughout the Nation. We received close to 10,000 comments and incorporated what was possible provided the charge of the CARA legislation, time, resources and other factors. The Task Force Final Report was given to Congress, federal government agencies and the public on May 30, 2019. The Final Report press release and Questions and Answers blog are included on the Task Force website at <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/pain/reports/index.html>.

I would greatly appreciate your sharing the final report with your membership, other stakeholders, colleagues, and patients (as appropriate). Please share your organization's plan to implement the recommendations. The implementation information can be sent to the Task Force email, Paintaskforce@hhs.gov.

It has been the greatest honor of a lifetime to serve the Nation in this capacity. Thank you for all that you do for millions of patients with painful conditions across the Nation. We continue to appreciate your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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