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Dear Maricopa County Medical Society Awards Program Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I submit Dr. Atsuko Koyama's nomination for the Distinguished Service – Individual Award in Maricopa County Medical Society (MCMS) 2021 Awards Program in recognition of her outstanding medical and public health service to the community. I have known Dr. Koyama personally and professionally since 2005 through her involvement with Physicians for Reproductive Health as a member of the organization's Board of Directors and as Faculty for the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Program (ARSHEP). I was immediately impressed by her level of commitment and involvement even as a pediatric resident and have always been confident that Dr. Koyama could and would. A passionate advocate for adolescent health and access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care, it has been a pleasure watching her growth as she completed fellowships in Adolescent Medicine and Pediatric Emergency Medicine and her participation in Physicians for Reproductive Health's Leadership Training Academy. I have also since had the opportunity to work with Dr. Koyama on local, state and national curriculum development, program development, and quality improvement initiatives. She has been an eager and dependable collaborator, especially since her return to her home state of Arizona several years ago.

Dr. Koyama has contributed significantly to the field of adolescent health and pediatric emergency medicine through program development, educational scholarship and mentorship, research, and advocacy. She has significantly advanced models for pediatric emergency department to serve as access points to best meet adolescents' sexual and reproductive health care needs. She was one of the first in the country to introduce subdermal contraceptive implants for adolescents in the pediatric emergency department. She has demonstrated a commitment to research and scholarly activity and has published and presented extensively in her areas of interest and expertise. Dr. Koyama has been a leading voice advocating for adolescents' access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and agency, choice, and self-determination in their reproductive lives.

Dr. Koyama has contributed significantly to the education and mentorship of medical students, residents, and medical and allied health professionals through her educational leadership and scholarship. Notably, Dr. Koyama seeks out opportunities to educate trainees and colleagues, as evident in her multiple local, regional, and national presentations on topics ranging from pediatric and adolescent gynecology, transgender care, and anti-racism topics. In such areas of equity and justice, she has become a

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recognized expert, which is easily seen by her multiple invited grand rounds and national conference presentations.

Dr. Koyama has demonstrated a commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion consistent with the University of Arizona, College of Medicine's values through her participation in the College's Leading and Inspiring Faculty Trajectories (LIFT) Faculty Peer Mentoring Program and as an Inclusive Excellence Champion with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). She serves on the College's DEI committee as well as on the subcommittee on medical education. She has served in numerous local, regional, and national committees and workgroups and is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, in addition to other professional organizations. Given her commitment to patient care, health equity, and DEI issues, she was recognized as an Arizona Clinical Leader and now meets regularly with the White House Office of Public Engagement, Department of Health and Human Services, and Intergovernmental Affairs at HHS.

Dr. Koyama is a respected member of our medical community and has achieved recognition and standing in her discipline and profession. I hope at the Awards Selection Committee received her nomination for the MCMS 2021 Awards Program Distinguished Service – Individual award.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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