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Dear Ms. Russ,

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), on behalf of the nearly 130,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students we represent, is pleased to enthusiastically submit the nominations of Joy Lewis, DO, PhD and Richard J. Snow, DO, MPH to the Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF). As osteopathic physicians, both Dr. Lewis and Dr. Snow focus on prevention and identifying how a patient's lifestyle and environment can impact their wellbeing. Dr. Lewis' background in rural health, health disparities, and public health research would be a strong compliment to CPSTF's work. Dr. Snow brings extensive background in economic analysis, quality improvement, and health systems that would be an asset to the CPSTF. They have not only embraced the principles of osteopathic medicine – patient-centered, holistic, high-quality, coordinated care – but have built upon these values to leverage new methods in support of quality outcomes. In addition, both candidates have demonstrated the profession's commitment to access to care, ensuring that remote geography and disadvantageous socioeconomic factors are not barriers to health care. As osteopathic physicians, Dr. Lewis and Dr. Snow partner with their patients to make health care decisions. By leveraging scientifically proven interventions including both clinical and socioeconomic considerations, both physicians empower patients based on the best science and a personalized approach to care.

Joy Lewis, DO, PhD

Dr. Lewis is board certified in internal medicine and resides in Wilson, Wyoming. She obtained her PhD in Health Services from University of California, Los Angeles, and currently serves as Professor of Public Health and Internal Medicine at A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona where she chairs the Department of Public Health and directs the Practice Based Research Network (PBRN). The PBRN focuses on addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health, and promoting provider community oriented primary care research. In addition to this research, Dr. Lewis has over 90 publications and presentations to her credit. She is currently the principle investigator on a grant that teaches scientific study protocols to new researchers focusing on health disparities in the community health setting.

Richard J. Snow, DO, MPH

Dr. Snow is board certified in family practice and resides in Columbus, Ohio. He most recently served as the System Vice President of Clinical Transformation at OhioHealth in Columbus, Ohio.

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In this position, Dr. Snow worked with system hospitals and Health4, OhioHealth Group's clinically integrated network, to align care redesign with payment re-engineering. He has numerous publications focused on quality measurement and improvement and has served on many state and national committees focused on quality improvement. Dr. Snow was awarded a Presidential Citation from the American Osteopathic Association in 2005, the Ohio Osteopathic Association Trustee's Award in 2007, and was named one of the Top 25 Clinical Informaticists of 2010 by Modern Healthcare.

The AOA is pleased to nominate these qualified candidates to CPSTF, and believe for the aforementioned reasons they would each be strong assets and contribute greatly to the critical work undertaken. Thank you for your consideration of these nominations on behalf of the osteopathic medical profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boyd R. Buser, DO". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a circled "D" at the end.

Boyd R. Buser, DO
President