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Dear Dr. Williams,

Thank you for the dialogue and clarification. Based on your letters, it appears that APA is not going to make a statement regarding the November 2025 HHS Report and still predominantly supports the medical pathway for pediatric gender dysphoria.

The APA's authority reaches individual licensees through the Code of Ethics, which is required by each state and requires, in part, principles of being fair and avoiding harm. As a practical matter, we find that when governing bodies, such as APA, take such clear predominant positions it has the effect of establishing fairness and harm and intimidating clinicians in that direction.

With the HHS Report and recent court rulings suggesting that the medical pathway is causing harm, the therapeutic situation is now even more complicated by the conflicting positions and direction. I will advise our members, given the conflicts, that this is still a risky area to practice.

We are thankful for and agree that the basis of practice should be in current evidence and hope the findings of the HHS Report and all other relevant sources are being reviewed by APA. We stand ready to volunteer assistance to APA in reviewing all the evidence in order to help expedite the resolution of this risk for clinicians and this important group of children. If at any point in the future we can be of assistance in this, please let me know how we can help. I will ensure our website is up to date.

With respect,

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