



May 15, 2017

Scott Gottlieb, MD
Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Commissioner Gottlieb:

On behalf of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), I write to congratulate you on your recent confirmation as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

With your many years of experience as a practicing physician and hospitalist, you understand the important role of health care policy in protecting and promoting the public health. Having served in various capacities of the federal government, including as a senior advisor for medical technology, director of medical policy development, and deputy commissioner for medical and scientific affairs at the FDA, you are well positioned to lead the agency charged with ensuring that patients receive products that are both safe and effective. Your considerable experience as both a medical policy expert and a public health advocate make you uniquely qualified to protect the FDA's gold standard for safety while advancing innovative solutions for the health care challenges currently facing the nation.

Oncology nurses play a pivotal role in delivering high quality, safe, effective and efficient health care to people affected by, or at risk for, cancer. ONS is a professional organization of over 39,000 registered nurses and other health care providers dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing.

ONS is committed to working with the FDA to ensure the safety and efficacy of drugs and devices, and to advance the public health through innovation. We would be happy to discuss ways in which ONS may be of assistance in this endeavor, and would encourage you to contact Alec Stone, MA, MPA, ONS Director of Health Policy, at astone@ons.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Schneider".

Susan Schneider, PhD, RN, AOCN®, FAAN
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