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RE: Request for Nominations to the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council)

The Oncology Nursing Society (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 members are a diverse group of professionals who represent a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and subspecialty practice areas.

In line with our mission and vision to lead the transformation of cancer care and promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care, we appreciate the opportunity to nominate Dr. Rachel Hirschey, PhD, RN, to serve on the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council). Dr. Hirschey is an accomplished and recognized nursing leader, researcher, and educator, and expressed her willingness to serve, thus our enthusiastic nomination.

In her current role, Dr. Hirschey researches the use of multi-level approaches to decrease cancer health disparities between Black and White patients. She has held several key positions at University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill School of Nursing and Duke University School of Nursing, including as an assistant professor and consulting faculty. Recently, she was selected as the 2023 UNC SON Excellence in PhD Mentoring Nominee and for the 2023 Harvard Workshop on Research Methods in Supportive Oncology.

Dr. Hirschey is widely published in prominent nursing journals and publications, as reflected in her curriculum vitae (attached).

ONS believes Dr. Hirschey would be an incredible resource to the Council. We urge you to give serious consideration to her nomination. Should you have any questions, please contact Alec Stone, ONS Public Affairs Director, at astone@ons.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Oncology Nursing Society