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Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions United States Senate 428 Senate Dirksen Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murry and Burr,

We at SisTers PGH are proud to stand in enthusiastic support of Dr. Rachel Levine as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

For the past year, Levine has worked with the Pennsylvania Assistant Secretary of Health's office to build critical bridges between federal and state policies on the pandemic, and keeping Keystone State residents up-to-date with critical information about the coronavirus.

Levine has also published and lectured widely on LGBTQ+ medicine, among other pressing topics, including the opioid crisis, and is precisely the kind of leader our nation needs in these uncertain times. Our organization works firsthand with folks experiencing discrimination in medicine and addiction services, and we trust Levine will work to dismantle systemic oppression within healthcare.

We urge the Senate to confirm Dr. Rachel Levine so America can move forward and begin to bring equity and dignity to healthcare access and treatment.

Sincerely,

Ciora Thomas Founder/Director, SisTers PGH