July 23, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The undersigned 60 organizations are writing to applaud and thank you for your concern regarding autism, which is a serious problem in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control reports that 3.2% of all children aged 8 years have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

We also know that boys are nearly four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. Unfortunately, our understanding of autism has been hampered by a relative lack of attention to the health of men and boys.

Currently, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has no offices of men's health. In contrast, DHHS has seven Offices of Women's Health:

- 1. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health <a href="https://womenshealth.gov/">https://womenshealth.gov/</a>
- 2. National Institutes of Health <a href="https://orwh.od.nih.gov/">https://orwh.od.nih.gov/</a>
- 3. Food and Drug Administration <a href="https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/office-commissioner/office-womens-health">https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/office-commissioner/office-womens-health</a>
- 4. *Centers for Disease Control* https://www.cdc.gov/womens-health/index.html
- 5. Health Resources and Services Administration https://www.hrsa.gov/office-womens-health
- 6. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality https://www.ahrq.gov/topics/women.html
- 7. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/about/advisory-councils/advisory-committee-womens-services">https://www.samhsa.gov/about/advisory-councils/advisory-committee-womens-services</a>

On June 23, 2025, President Donald Trump issued a Proclamation for National Men's Health Week. The Proclamation states,

"For far too long, the health, happiness, and well-being of our Nation's men have been neglected, contributing to a troubling reality: men in the United States have a life expectancy five years shorter than women...This National Men's Health Week, I make a solemn pledge to honor the men in America: we will always have your back—and we will never waver in our promise to embolden you to lead long, healthy, and safe lives."

The undersigned 60 organizations request that the Department of Health and Human Services:

1. Promptly establish an Office of Men's Health, to ensure that men's health receives the attention it needs and deserves.

2. Allocate sufficient funding to the new Office of Men's Health so the funding is commensurate with that of the seven offices of women's health.

We will be happy to meet with you to further discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,

SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent

Environments)

Advocate for Families

Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study

of Western Civilization

American Association of Evangelicals

(AAE)

American Association of Senior Citizens

Arizona Women of Action

Be a Terrific Dad Colorado Resilience ConservativeHQ Dads and Moms PAC

Dadvocate

Domestic Violence Wears Many Tags

(DVWMT)

FAIR Energy Foundation Father X Productions LLC

Fatherless Generation Foundation Inc.

For Kids and Country Girls Deserve Privacy

Global Strategic Alliance Ministries

**Greenwich Patriots** 

Interference with Child Custody Coalition

Katartismos Global Kids Need Both, Inc

Law Center

Less Government Liberty Leaders Unite Louisiana Family Forum Male Positive Media

Men Are Good

Men Need to be Heard Men and Women for a

Representative Democracy

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Moms Against Parental Alienation

Mordecai Mission

National Association of Scholars

Ohio Value Voters PA Consortium PA Protect Kids PAS Intervention

Palm Beach Freedom Institute Parental Alienation Resource

Project 21 Black Leadership Network

Protect Kids Colorado

Protect Ohio Children Coalition

Radiance Foundation Reforging Families

Restore America's Mission

RI Center for Freedom & Prosperity

Salt & Light Council

Scottsdale Unites for Educational Integrity

60 Plus Association

Tradition, Family, Property, Inc.
United Against Racism in Education

United Families International

**Utah Parents United** 

Virginia Association of Scholars

Washington Initiative for Boys and Men Wisconsin for Children and Families Women for Democracy in America, Inc.

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