

July 28, 2017

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor and Pensions  
428 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor and Pensions  
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Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our support for the nomination of Dr. Jerome Adams as the next United States Surgeon General.

One of the gravest health challenges facing our nation is the rising prevalence of physical inactivity in the U.S. population. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that poor diet and physical inactivity cause over 400,000 deaths each year. The office of Surgeon General has played an important role in promoting health and wellness in America. For example, the recently released Call to Action on Walking and Walkable Communities was developed to increase levels of physical fitness for all Americans. In the Call to Action, it was recognized that regular physical activity, such as walking, helps people of all ages improve their health.

Dr. Adams' background and career experience uniquely qualify him to tackle the difficult problems facing our nation and continue the legacy of previous Surgeons General to get Americans moving again. In addition, as the Indiana State Health Commissioner, Dr. Adams has addressed many difficult situations with an expertise that highlights his abilities to work with many different constituencies.

As our nation faces an ever-changing health care system, Dr. Adams is well equipped to lead our nation's health promotion and disease prevention efforts. Our organizations are dedicated to promoting an active, healthy lifestyle for all Americans, and we support the nomination of Dr. Adams as the next United States Surgeon General.

Sincerely,

America Walks  
American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine  
American Board of Lifestyle Medicine  
American College of Lifestyle Medicine  
American College of Sports Medicine  
American Kinesiotherapy Association  
American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine  
Bike Walk Action  
Clinical Exercise Physiology Association  
Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association  
International Association for Worksite Health Promotion  
Lakeshore Foundation  
League of American Bicyclists  
Lifestyle Medicine Global Alliance  
Medical Fitness Association  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Strength and Conditioning Association  
National Youth Sports Health & Safety Institute  
North American Society for Pediatric Exercise Medicine  
Pop Warner Little Scholars  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
The Industrial Athlete, Inc.  
Trust for America's Health