



The HIV Planning Group

*for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

Dr. Rachel Levine

Nominee for United States Assistant Secretary of Health

Dear Dr. Levine,

We, the HIV Planning Group (HPG), as the community advisory body for the Pennsylvania Department of Health Division of HIV Disease, extend our sincerest congratulations and well-wishes to you upon your nomination to the position of Assistant Secretary of Health for the United States.

The HPG has long cheered and supported your tireless efforts advancing HIV prevention and care efforts as well as LGBTQIA+ equality and health equity. Your work in these areas is expansive; just a few examples include your vocal support of this advisory body and your numerous meetings and communications with our group over the past six years, your championing of LGBTQ History Month in Pennsylvania, anti-bullying efforts for LGBTQ youth across the commonwealth, and LGBTQIA+ stigma reduction efforts through projects like Acceptance Journeys Pittsburgh. Through these efforts and many more, your career has been an example of dedicated public service and advocacy for marginalized communities across our state. The historic nature of your career and leadership has also worked to break down stigma and professional barriers, and we know that you have and will continue to serve as an inspiration to many people and communities in Pennsylvania and now all across America.

So, thank you again for your groundbreaking work, advocacy, and leadership, and we wish you all the best in your new role. We have every confidence that you succeed in supporting President Biden's administration and continuing your lifelong pursuit of advancing better health, greater equity, and more compassionate acceptance of everyone living in our great commonwealth and in our nation.

Sincerely,

The Pennsylvania HIV Planning Group

Rob Pompa, Community Co-Chair

*This letter was approved by majority vote on*