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Subject: Nominating Deidra Crews, MD, FASN, on behalf of the American Society of Nephrology for the US Preventive Services Task Force

Dear Members of the US Preventive Services Task Force:

On behalf of the more than 37,000,000 Americans living with kidney diseases and the 20,000 nephrologists, scientists, and other kidney health care professionals who comprise the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), thank you for the opportunity to nominate individuals to the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

I am pleased to nominate Deidra C. Crews, MD, FASN, an internationally recognized clinical epidemiologist and nephrologist whose expertise in kidney diseases, hypertension, cardiometabolic health, population health, and evidence-based clinical guidance would make her an exceptional addition to the Task Force. Dr. Crews brings substantial expertise in preventive health and population-based research directly aligned with the USPSTF mission. Her experience critically evaluating evidence, balancing benefits and harms, and translating research into practical recommendations would directly support the evidence review and recommendation development responsibilities of the Task Force. She has conducted numerous epidemiologic studies on hypertension and kidney diseases, including investigations into dietary patterns, food insecurity, health literacy, environmental factors, and other early determinants of health outcomes. Her scholarship consistently bridges public health, clinical medicine, and patient access to improve preventive care delivery for populations disproportionately affected by chronic diseases.

Dr. Crews currently serves as Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Deputy Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity, and Deputy Director for Inclusive Research for the Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. She also holds joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her career has focused on advancing the prevention, detection, and treatment of kidney diseases and related cardiometabolic conditions through rigorous epidemiologic and health services research.

Dr. Crews has extensive experience contributing to national guidelines and recommendation development as well as influencing public policy. She served on the joint ASN and National

Kidney Foundation Task Force that developed recommendations for race-free estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) reporting, an effort that reshaped kidney disease evaluation nationwide and changed how the U.S. kidney allocation system works. She has also served on multiple clinical guidance and policy panels, including committees convened by the American College of Physicians and other national organizations. During her service on ASN Council, Dr. Crews also helped lead efforts related to the launch and dissemination of Kidney Health Guidance resources designed to support earlier identification and management of kidney diseases. Her leadership reflects a longstanding commitment to translating evidence into practical preventive care tools for clinicians, patients, and policymakers alike. Her experience critically evaluating evidence, balancing benefits and harms, and translating research into practical recommendations would directly support the evidence review and recommendation development responsibilities of the USPSTF.

Additionally, Dr. Crews has contributed to numerous national advisory and scientific committees, including service with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Chronic Kidney Disease Surveillance Team and committees affiliated with the National Institutes of Health, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, and the National Academy of Medicine. Her collaborative leadership across federal agencies, academic medicine, and professional societies demonstrates her ability to work effectively in multidisciplinary settings focused on improving population health and preventive care.

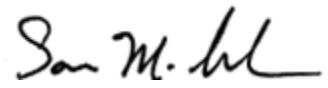
Dr. Crews' accomplishments have been recognized through elections to prestigious honorific and professional societies, as well as numerous leadership appointments throughout academic medicine and nephrology, including the National Academy of Medicine. She is widely respected for her thoughtful, evidence-driven approach, her commitment to scientific rigor, and her dedication to advancing health outcomes for every American.

ASN strongly believes that Dr. Crews possesses the scientific expertise, clinical perspective, leadership experience, and commitment to prevention necessary to serve with distinction on the USPSTF. Her background uniquely positions her to contribute meaningfully to the Task Force's work in evaluating preventive services that address chronic diseases affecting millions of Americans. In addition, Dr. Crews has confirmed her willingness to serve on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and is fully prepared to meet the responsibilities and time commitments associated with Task Force membership, including participation in evidence review, deliberation, and recommendation development.

In addition to this letter explaining Dr. Crews's qualifications, I have attached her current curriculum vitae. To discuss Dr. Crews's nomination, her qualifications, or the kidney community's strong support for her candidacy, please contact Ryan Murray, Senior Manager of Policy and Government Affairs, at rmurray@asn-online.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam M. Parikh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" and the last name "Parikh" clearly distinguishable.

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