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Dear Drs. Mink and Spicer:

Please accept this letter as a statement of support from the Association of Pediatric Program Directors for a common fellowship Match cycle during the fall-winter of the PGY-3 year. This issue was extensively discussed in a variety of venues during our recent APPD Spring meeting and the change received overwhelming support from Categorical Program Directors who feel that this is in the best interest of our trainees. Concern was expressed about scheduling interviews during a short interview period as this could impact clinical responsibilities in the residency program. For this reason, we appreciate that the fellowship interview cycle for the December Match would include August, September, October and November. If fellowship programs are flexible about scheduling interviews during these months, it should be possible for programs in which many residents are fellowship-bound to arrange for appropriate clinical coverage, though some programs may only be able to allow specific residents to schedule interviews during a single month.

We understand that there are specific circumstances in some subspecialty fellowships that make a mid-December Match during the PGY-3 year difficult. APPD would be happy to collaborate with CoPS in working through some of those issues if we can be helpful.

The APPD is pleased to provide this statement of support and looks forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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