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Dear Drs. Mink and Spicer:

I am writing on behalf of the APPD membership regarding the issue of the start date for Pediatric fellowship programs. The APPD strongly supports July 1 as the earliest possible start date and would prefer to delay the start to July 7 or later.

The situation in which fellowship programs require residents to begin fellowship training or orientation prior to July 1 creates major problems for categorical residency programs and for our trainees. It puts us in conflict with the American Board of Pediatrics requirement for 36 months of training at the residency level and keeps residents from fulfilling their contractual agreements with the residency programs.

A start date of July 7 or later would allow residents to complete their contractual obligations to the residency program and have time to transition to fellowship.

We would be happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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