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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Public Health Service

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Office of Commissioned Corps Operations  
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Rockville, MD 20852

To: Applicants for Appointment in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service

Congratulations upon your conditional acceptance to the School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS).

If all qualifications are met, you will be attending USUHS as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). Based upon an agreement between the Corps and USUHS, Corps officers are assigned to the university in accordance with Section 218 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 218a; *see also* 10 U.S.C. 2114).

The enclosed agreement (two copies) sets forth the terms of your assignment to USUHS as a Corps officer, including the active duty obligation you will incur, the monetary penalties to be assessed should you fail to fulfill your active duty obligation, and the conditions under which you may be approved to participate in graduate medical education upon your graduation from USUHS.

Please return the original signed and notarized agreement with your application to the Corps within 10 days of receipt of this letter. You may keep the other copy for your files. Timely completion and submission of the Agreement are required to assure your assignment to USUHS as a Corps officer.

If you have any questions concerning the agreement, please contact Ms. Betsy Darracott of my staff. The phone number is (240) 453-6037. We wish you success in your new assignment and throughout your career in the Corps protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of our Nation.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence J. Furman*

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Enclosures