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GWEP and GACA Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your ongoing support of NAGE/NAGEC. I hope this letter finds you well and your geriatrics education and clinical programs continuing to prosper as we close these final months of 2022.

In this past year, NAGE has been actively engaging its members in advocacy for funding that supports our work and provides much needed training for the healthcare workforce and quality care for older adults across additional states and regions. We are ever so grateful to Brian Lindberg, NAGE Policy Advisory, for his guidance and tireless work with GWEPs to develop testimonies and letters conveying to Congress the critical issues in geriatrics care and the importance of our programs. We also thank our friends at the American Geriatrics Society, Gerontological Society of America, the Eldercare Workforce Alliance, and the Leadership Coalition of Aging Organizations for continuing to prioritize geriatric education.

Your membership to NAGE/NAGEC in this past year allows us to continue our efforts to support your work. NAGE members collaborated in presentations to share innovative programs across the nation and engaged in dialogue with HRSA based on input from all GWEPs about MIPS and other potential patient outcomes. In another initiative, the diversity and equity workgroup became a standing committee written into the NAGE bylaws to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion remain a focal point for member support and collaboration.

In this next year, NAGE will continue to bring members together in a unified voice to advocate for program support, work closely with HRSA staff, and to create opportunities for networking and collaboration. In addition to continuing to advocate for support from Congress, priorities for the current year include redesign of the NAGE website as a tool to educate legislators about the benefits of our programs and their impact in our states and local communities. As we look towards the next GWEP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in 2023-2024, it is critical that all GWEP programs are represented in our efforts.

***We hope you will renew your membership and remain an active member in NAGE. If you are new to NAGE, we would like to invite you to become a member today.*** NAGE/NAGEC membership provides you with a national forum to meet fellow grantees, opportunities to learn about and partner with other geriatric education projects, and legislative updates to stay current on developments related to geriatric programs.

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Please join us in congratulating newly elected board members Naushira Pandya, Treasurer Patricia Swager, and President-Elect Bert Waters. With gratitude, we also recognize board members Tara Cortes for her service as chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee and to Marla Berg-Weger for her service as a board member, officer, and President. Finally, I want to share my sincere gratitude to Anna Faul for her leadership as President during this past year. She's been a dedicated and inspiring champion of the NAGE mission, even after learning about a serious health issue early in the year. I am grateful to have learned from her during my year as President-Elect and am honored to have an opportunity to build on this foundation over the next year.

Thank you for all the work that you are doing and for your continued support for NAGE/NAGEC. Please watch for updates from the board in the new year about ways to get involved, and contact me or any of the officers to let us know concerns, questions, and ideas for moving this work forward.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Directors,



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