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AzAAP President Statement on the Termination of Dr. Michelle Fiscus

Dear Members,

The pediatric providers and professionals of the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP) work hard every day to ensure the health of children and their families. We use our medical and scientific training to give the best, most timely evidence-based information and recommendations. Now, more than ever, we are working hard to continue that challenging mission. The recent developments of the firing of Dr. Michelle Fiscus from the Tennessee Department of Health are alarming. Silencing voices of medical professionals advocating for routine medical care endangers our children's health and sets a dangerous precedent that signals a backward step to modern public health. It thwarts the opposition to the scientific disinformation that the surgeon general called a "serious threat to public health." We stand in support of all those hardworking medical and health professionals in Tennessee doing their best to preserve the health of our communities. With the specter of slowing vaccination rates, and the delta variant spread, we all need to stand together. Rest assured; the American Academy of Pediatrics remains steadfast in its mission. Thank you to all those health and medical professionals around the country and in Tennessee that continue to work hard to ensure the health of all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Vargas".

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