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Barack Obama
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama,

On behalf of the nation's medical schools, major teaching hospitals, and resident physicians, I am pleased to send you the attached statement that the AAMC is committed to ensuring that our nation's teaching hospitals, medical schools, and future doctors, have the necessary information and resources to effectively use and manage antibiotic treatment. If you have any questions concerning this commitment, please feel welcome to contact Mary Wheatley, Director, Quality and Physician Payment Policies, at mwheatley@aamc.org or 202-262-6297.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janis M. Orlowski M.D.". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light gray, textured rectangular background.

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AAMC Commitment on Antibiotic Stewardship

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 148,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 115,000 resident physicians. On behalf of these members, the AAMC applauds the White House and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for highlighting the need for improved antibiotic awareness through the *National Strategy on Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria* and the upcoming White House National Summit on Antibiotic Stewardship.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is committed to ensuring that our nation's teaching hospitals, medical schools, and future doctors, have the necessary information and resources to effective use and manage antibiotic treatment. To support this goal, the AAMC will facilitate discussion of this topic through educational programming and networking at professional meetings. In addition, the AAMC has the infrastructure to share educational materials through AAMC's iCollaborative and MedEdPortal, and will encourage those institutions with innovative antibiotic resistant programs to apply for AAMC Innovation Challenge grants in 2015.