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Dear Acting Secretary Torres:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, representing nearly 5,000 family physicians in the Commonwealth, I am reaching out to draw your continued attention to the significant issues that our resident physicians are encountering upon attempts to obtain their training licenses.

I have heard personal stories of the challenges of doctors-in-training navigating the new system and when seeking assistance from staff within the Department of State, they are being referred back to their GME offices who have no control over the electronic system issues. This is creating undue stress and concern from our members who seek nothing other than to take the next step in their training process.

Understanding that the Department is working diligently to correct these issues, we ask that processes be developed to ensure no delays in these individuals starting their training as this would not only be detrimental to our members but also to the patients they will be serving.

We thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions or I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (570)778-6267 or david.ogurek@temple.edu.

Sincerely,

David T. O'Gurek, MD, FAFPA
PAFP President