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Dear Dr. Kapoor:

I would appreciate your sharing this letter with any of the physicians in your clinical research program or department who might be interested in a career opportunity as a medical officer in the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology Products (DMEP).

DMEP is one of the subspecialty review divisions at the FDA that oversees the development of drugs and biologics for the treatment and prevention of human disease. The medical officer plays a pivotal role in guiding the clinical trial programs for new drugs and biologics, in evaluating the resultant data addressing safety and efficacy, and in decisions regarding approval and labeling of products to be marketed in the U.S.

The drug and biologic review process is an interactive, dynamic one involving multiple scientific disciplines evaluating data from Phase 1 through Phase 4 (post-approval) clinical trials. The medical officer career path offers a unique opportunity for physicians to apply their knowledge of basic and clinical science toward drug development and science-based regulation of the pharmaceutical industry. It offers an unparalleled opportunity to impact public health.

Within DMEP, medical officers play a critical part in the development of novel therapies in the treatment of conditions such as diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, obesity, thyroid disease, growth hormone deficiency, as well as the less common endocrinopathies.

The medical officer position offers a competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Our agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer and has a Smoke-Free workplace.

If any member of your program or department is interested in discussing career opportunities within DMEP, please have them contact me or my Deputy Director, Eric Colman, MD, at the following email addresses and phone number:

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Sincerely,

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