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Re: Supplemental Submission to AO Request 2017-01

Dear Ms. Stevenson:

Following up on the Advisory Opinion request submitted on January 24, 2017 on behalf of my client, the American Urological Association, Inc. (AUA), I am writing to provide supplementary factual information that was not included in our original submission, but which the Commission may find helpful in evaluating the request. We wish to apprise the Commission of the following points:

- AUA as an organization did not have any role in founding the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU). Several AUA officers and members in their individual capacities may have been involved in the formation of AACU, but AUA did not, for example, take a vote to establish AACU or in any other way assist with its formation. The two entities have always been entirely legally and organizationally separate.
- AUA is composed of a family of 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations at the national level. There are also separate "Sections" that are independent, state-level organizations with their own Boards and legal identities. AUA is not a federation and does not exercise any decision-making or control over the Sections, except to the extent that AUA and its Sections require reciprocal membership. Sections select and hire their own staff and consultants and make their own decisions regarding how to spend their financial resources independently of AUA. The independent association management company retained separately by the AACU and several Sections has not been retained by AUA in any capacity.
- Any overlapping board membership between individuals who happen to be members of both AUA and AACU (past, present or future) is entirely coincidental and a function of the individuals' personal interests in serving both organizations. There is no "AACU seat" on the AUA Board, and to AUA's knowledge, AACU



does not designate any of its board seats for an AUA representative. Indeed, the majority of AUA's officers over the past ten years have never served on AACU's board.

- Similarly, any overlapping committee membership between individuals who happen to be both AUA and AACU members is based on the preferences of individuals acting in their personal capacity, and not based on any effort by either organization to populate each others' committees, with the exception of the aforementioned AACU representation (along with other urology groups) on AUA's Public Policy Council.
- AUA is in the early stages of planning a 2018 Urology Advocacy Summit. Unlike the Joint Advocacy Conference that was jointly sponsored by AUA and the AACU, the 2018 Urology Summit will be solely sponsored by AUA and its Planning Committee is comprised solely of AUA leadership. AUA has extended an invitation to fifteen urology societies to be involved in some aspects of planning the Summit's educational program, but is not seeking any joint sponsors for the event, and all decision-making and control of the event lies solely with AUA. As of this writing, the AACU has been invited but has not agreed to participate in the multi-society Program Group.

We hope this supplemental factual information will assist the Commission in its consideration of AUA's Advisory Opinion request. If there is any additional information we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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