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Surgeon General of the Navy, No93 Chief, Bureau of Medicine & Surgery 2300 E Street NW Washington, DC 20372-5300

Dear VADM Robinson:

I am writing to you as Executive Director of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), the membership of which comprises approximately 3,000 aerospace medicine physicians, flight nurses, and scientists doing related research. It is our understanding that the Navy will be conducting a full review of the Aerospace Medicine Residency (RAM) Program in support of a performance agreement between BUMED and the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

We believe the aerospace medicine component of Navy medicine is key to the operational issues in the deployment of aircraft carriers and other Naval assets around the globe. There is no other medical specialty that can provide the human factors understanding and inputs to Naval aerospace operations.

It is the opinion of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) that the aerospace medicine specialists play a very key role in Naval aviation operations. It is in this regard that we hope your review of the Navy Residency in Aerospace Medicine leads to an even stronger program and that it will continue to receive your support.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Russell B. Rayman, M.D.

Executive Director