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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out to the Office of the Surgeon General in response to our recent Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer. I am incredibly impressed with the Jack Marston II Melanoma Fund and all of the hard work you have put into helping confront skin cancer as a significant public health problem in the United States.

As you know, there are more than 63,000 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer diagnosed each year, resulting in nearly 9,000 deaths. Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, with 5 million individuals treated for both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers each year. While melanoma rates are highest in older adults, it is the third most common cancer in adolescents and young adults (aged 15-39) and melanoma incidence is continuing to increase in both male and female populations at alarming rates. We need to unite and work together as a nation to reverse this trend.

I regret that I was not able to attend the 11th Annual "This Run's for Jack" 5K Walk and Run. However, I would like to personally commend you, and all of the volunteers, at the Jack Marston II Melanoma Fund. The overall objective of the Call to Action is to empower and inspire individuals and communities to address skin cancer as a major public health challenge in our country. While we are very committed to this goal, we rely on activists such as you and your co-volunteers at the Jack Marston II Melanoma Fund to turn this goal into a reality. The Jack Marston II Melanoma Fund's history of support towards melanoma research, education surrounding skin cancer and promotion of sun protection in your community are to be applauded.

Thank you for all of your continued efforts in the fight against skin cancer in the United States.

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