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Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Congratulates Dr. Robert Califf on Confirmation as FDA Commissioner

Washington, D.C. (February 29, 2016) - The Asthma and Allergy Foundation (AAFA), America's leading advocate for individuals living with asthma, food allergies and allergic disease, is pleased to extend our congratulations to Dr. Robert Califf on his confirmation as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a position that has significant responsibility in protecting the public's health and in advancing drug and device discovery and innovation.

AAFA's President and CEO, Dr. Cary Sennett, noted that "Dr. Califf and I worked together early in our careers, and I continue to be impressed by his dedication to translational health and the promotion of public health. I am excited by his confirmation and confident that he will provide outstanding vision and leadership to the FDA. We forward to working with Dr. Califf to ensure that the FDA's regulatory processes and programs continue to encourage active engagement with patients and the patient advocacy organizations working on their behalf."

About AAFA

Founded in 1953 and celebrating over 60 years of service, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) is the oldest and largest nonprofit patient organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with asthma, allergies and related conditions through education, advocacy and research. AAFA provides practical information, community-based services, support and referrals through a national network of chapters and educational support groups. Through its Kids With Food Allergies division, AAFA offers the oldest, most extensive online support community for families raising children with food allergies at community.kidswithfoodallergies.org. In addition, AAFA sponsors and advocates for research to advance the basic science relevant to treatment and cure. It also champions translational research so that the science that we have is applied more consistently and reliably. For more information, visit <http://www.aafa.org>.

About FDA

The FDA, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, protects the public health by assuring the safety, effectiveness, and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use,



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and medical devices. The agency also is responsible for the safety and security of our nation's food supply, cosmetics, dietary supplements, products that give off electronic radiation, and for regulating tobacco products.

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