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**Madhvi Tiipathi, PhD, MPP**

**National Coordinator**

**Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

**330 Constitution Avenue, NW**

**Room 7000**

**Washington, DC 20037**

**Re: Advancing Health Equity by Design and Health Information Technology: Proposed Approach, Invitation for Public Input, and Call to Action**

**Dear National Coordinator Tiipathi:**

**On behalf of the American College of Physicians (ACP), I am pleased to share our comments on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC)**

**white paper: The College is the largest medical specialty organization and the second largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 161,000 internal medicine physicians, related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness.**

**We support ONC's efforts regarding health information technology (IT) and equity and appreciate the release of this white paper emphasizing the need for health equity to be a primary consideration in the development of health IT.**

**SDOH in forma on improves whole person, patient-centric care and lowers long-term costs**

**Another area of health IT that has important implications for health equity, and where the importance of a HBD approach cannot be understated, is artificial intelligence technologies. The design, data, development, deployment, and implementation of AI technology can have clinically significant implications for patient care and health equity. The College's policy paper on the use of AI in the provision of health care,**