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Dear Colleague,

In this extraordinary time of crisis, ASCP is proud of the heroic efforts that you, pathologists and medical laboratory professionals, are doing to save lives. You are on THE frontlines of this global pandemic, digging deep in your personal reserves and letting your dedication to patient health shine. **We are profoundly thankful for your unwavering commitment to patients and patient health today, tomorrow, and into the future.**

Over the past six weeks, ASCP has been working tirelessly to build awareness and advocate for you. This includes:

- The creation of a [COVID-19 web resource page](#) that is updated with the latest resources and guidance.
- A [docuseries](#) highlighting the outstanding laboratory work of our members across the country. This has been supported by a digital campaign that has garnered over 1.3 million views.
- An Action Alert that generated 25,000 letters to President Trump and policymakers urging them to address supply shortages hampering commercial laboratory efforts to meet current and future patient testing needs.
- Advocating successfully for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow hospitals and commercial reference labs to develop and use their own tests, thereby expanding national testing capacity for COVID-19.
- A second Action Alert that generated over 10,000 letters to federal policymakers, and successfully urged the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow pathologists and laboratory personnel to work remotely in order to perform remote reads without a separate CLIA certificate.
- Proactively offering ASCP member leaders as spokespersons to major media outlets, including the *New York Times*, National Public Radio, CNN and the *Washington Post*. These articles are posted on the [COVID-19 web resource page](#).

During this pandemic, we are with you, and we are actively working to educate the world that without the medical laboratory staff, patients wouldn't get testing, and ultimately, the care they need. Thank you for your commitment to patient care. You are saving lives every day, and we are honored to showcase your efforts and stand with you. We are **STRONGERTOGETHER**.

Warmest regards,

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