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Dear MG Wong:

Congratulations on 100 years of Army Dentistry! On behalf of the members of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD), it is my honor to recognize the Army Dental Corps as you celebrate your Centennial Anniversary.

The AAPHD and the Army Dental Corps share similar values of improving the oral health of those we serve by the promotion of effective disease prevention, health promotion and dental care delivery.

The Army Dental Corps has been intimately involved in many aspects of Public Health and Dental Public Health. The Army served an important role in the use of fluorides to prevent dental caries in deployed soldiers as far back as the Vietnam War. The training of Expanded Function Assistants is in line with the Public Health philosophy of maximizing access to care for all Americans.

The Dental Corps has played a vital role in educating all dental specialties, but the AAPHD would especially like to thank you for your commitment to train Dental Public Health specialists. The Army Public Health Dentists have played an important role in serving the military population, but have also made key contributions to Dental Public Health in the United States.

Once again, I want to congratulate you on 100 years of Army Dentistry.

Sincerely,

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