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Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 420
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Nomination—Dr. Teresa Marshall

To Whom It May Concern:

Our organizations are pleased to nominate Dr. Teresa Marshall to serve on the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. We offer this nomination in response to your Federal Register notice of June 15 (87 FR 36137).

The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* is a compendium of recommendations about what (and how much) to eat and drink to meet nutrient needs, prevent disease, and promote health. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services jointly update the *Dietary Guidelines* every five years, based on the recommendations of panel of experts, known as the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.

Teresa Marshall, Ph.D., is an ideal candidate for the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. She is a nationally recognized professor and researcher of human nutrition at the University of Iowa. There, she directs the Student Research Program at the College of Dentistry, where she also coordinates and teaches the nutrition curriculum. She is also a registered dietician.

As you can see from her enclosed vitae, Dr. Marshall is a well-published, outcome-driven leader who understands the state of the science examining nutritional status, dietary behaviors, and all manner of chronic diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, overweight and obesity, and more. She is a recognized expert in beverage intakes—particularly sugar sweetened beverage intakes—and their associations with dental caries and growth outcomes.

As a research editor for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Dr. Marshall is intimately acquainted with the evidence-based methods the Committee will use to develop its recommendations. She is also equipped to ensure the Committee's evidence-based recommendations can be practically applied in the real world.

To illustrate, Dr. Marshall has been intimately involved in the American Dental Association's evidence-based dentistry campaign. She even coauthored a chapter in the ADA's practical guide for applying evidence-based dentistry in clinical decisions. For her work, she received the 2016 Award for Leadership in Implementing Evidence-Based Dentistry, presented by Colgate, the American Dental Association, and the American Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Marshall has also used her platform in dentistry to advocate for food security both locally and nationally. Most recently, Dr. Marshall had food security screener questions added to the Iowa Dentistry Axium intake form and instituted protocols for assisting patients identified as food insecure.

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We hope you will agree that Dr. Teresa Marshall is abundantly qualified to shape the next iteration of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. If called upon, she stands ready and willing to serve.

We appreciate your consideration of Dr. Marshall to serve on the 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert J. Burns at the American Dental Association. Bob can be reached at 202-789-5176 or burnsr@ada.org.

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Endodontists
American Association of Public Health Dentistry
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