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Ron Klain
Ebola Response Coordinator

Dear Mr. Klain:

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSAs) welcomes your recent appointment as the US Ebola Response Coordinator. IDSAs represents over 10,000 physicians and scientists devoted to excellence in patient care, disease prevention, public health, education, and research in the area of infectious diseases (ID). Like President Obama, IDSAs views Ebola virus disease (EVD) as a serious concern to public health, patient safety, and national security. IDSAs is encouraged that the federal government has recognized the need for a well-coordinated response to address the outbreak in West Africa and to prevent the spread of Ebola in the United States.

IDSAs is continuing to closely monitor developments in the ongoing EVD outbreak in West Africa and the isolated domestic cases of imported and secondary EVD, and to provide our expertise and resources where we can be most helpful. We welcome requests from you and your team to support ongoing and future activities. Current IDSAs efforts include:

- Providing IDSAs members with information and financial support to volunteer at Ebola treatment units (ETUs) in West Africa;
- Collaborating with other global and domestic experts to develop standard protocols for supportive care for patients with EVD;
- Working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide our members across the country with authoritative resources for managing institutional and clinical situations involving EVD;
- Providing the CDC with IDSAs member volunteers to participate in Rapid Ebola Preparedness (REP) team visits to assess US health care facilities' readiness;
- Collaborating with others in the scientific community to establish research protocols and common case report forms (CRFs) for use in studying biomedical interventions for domestic EVD patients and post-exposure prophylaxis for exposed healthcare providers, e.g., needle stick;
- Serving as a resource in the media to provide the public with scientifically sound information, including issuing a recent statement in opposition to mandatory involuntary quarantine for healthcare workers returning from West Africa.
- Partnering with sister organizations the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS) and the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) to provide coordinated expert feedback and support to leading federal responders.

IDSA is prepared and very interested in contributing to the federal response to Ebola, and would be pleased to provide you with assistance as you coordinate that response. We would very much like the opportunity for a meeting or teleconference with you to further discuss opportunities for collaboration if it would be helpful to you or your staff. Amanda Jezek, IDSA's Vice President for Public Policy and Government Relations will contact you and your staff to schedule such a conversation, or you may reach her directly at 703-740-4790 or ajezek@idsociety.org. We look forward to a productive partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Stephen B. Calderwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen B. Calderwood, MD, FIDSA
President