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The American Academy of Pediatrics and its Massachusetts Chapter Condemn Targeted Harassment Campaign Against Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Other Institutions Providing Gender-Affirming Care

BOSTON, MA – Today, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and its Massachusetts Chapter (MCAAP) released the following statement condemning the recent harassment campaign against Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and other institutions providing gender-affirming care:

“The American Academy of Pediatrics and its Massachusetts Chapter condemn in the strongest terms the ongoing harassment campaign targeting Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and any of our members who provide evidence-based gender-affirming care at medical institutions across the state. These pediatric professionals, like all our members, have only one agenda: providing the best possible care for children and teens.

Gender-affirming care is crucial – and often lifesaving – to young people who need it. Contrary to the disinformation being spread online, such care is conducted in an age-appropriate manner in consultation with families and multiple specialists. Gender-affirming care is evidence-based and is supported by every mainstream medical organization. The AAP and MCAAP will continue to stand by the dedicated professionals at Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and other pediatric institutions across the state – as well as all the young people in their care.”

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ABOUT THE AAP: The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 67,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

ABOUT THE MCAAP: The MCAAP is a member organization of over 1,600 pediatricians, pediatric residents, medical students and affiliates who are dedicated to advocating for Massachusetts children and pediatricians.