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To Whom It May Concern:

District II of the New York State American Academy of Pediatrics, encompassing the three AAP Chapters in the state, is deeply committed to ameliorating climate change. As pediatricians we understand the profound effects that climate change will have on future generations. We are working to decrease the carbon footprint of healthcare institutions and educating physicians and families about the issues involved. Each of the three Chapters has a Committee on Environmental Health and Climate Change and our District has approved a Position Statement on Climate Change that may be found here:

<http://www.ny2aap.org/pdf/PositionStatementClimateChange.pdf>.

Recently, four pediatricians from our District were accepted to the Climate Health Organizing Fellows Program offered by the Cambridge Health Alliance and the Center for Health Equity, Education and Advocacy. Our developing project involves the initiation of an organization for NY healthcare workers that will work under the NYS AAP umbrella and will be open to practitioners from other specialties: *NY Clinicians for Climate Action*. We are starting work with healthcare institutions and offices around the state to foster sustainability and decrease their carbon footprint. Education is also part of our mission, including how to green offices and institutions and bring climate change discussions into patient encounters of all kinds.

The NAM Collaborative's goals mesh perfectly with ours. We believe that we can aid in furthering the Collaborative's work and at the same time use the collaborative as a resource.

Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, a Pediatric Surgeon and one of the Climate Health Organizing Fellows is particularly interested in mitigating the climate impact from hospital operations and has agreed to act as liaison for the NY State AAP if we are accepted to the Collaborative.

We look forward to working with the Collaborative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J Goldstein".

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