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Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, USAF (Retired)  
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Dear Brigadier General Turner

It has been brought to my attention by colleagues in the USA that the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology located on the campus of the Walter Reed Army Hospital Medical Center in Washington D.C. is to be disestablished.

This would be an immense tragedy not only for American Pathology but for consultation on Pathology problems and education across the wider world. The AFIP is a treasured institute in this regard and is at the forefront of taking the USA to the wider world in a realistic and utilitarian way. It has aided underserved populations in the world and gives your country a high profile in scientific matters related to healthcare. If the AFIP cannot survive in its present format then it should be transferred to a civilian sector possibly as a National Institute of Pathology.

I look forward to following the continuing history of the AFIP certainly an icon of the USA health system and pathology education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Konrad Muller'.

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