

Honorable Governor of State of Florida,

I have had the honor and privilege of working as pediatrician under the leadership of Scott Rivkees, MD for the past 5 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my entire medical career and these five years, at the University of Florida, have been the most fulfilling. He has been the best leader and mentor I have ever known. Previously, I have served as pediatrician in the United States Public Health Service and the United States Navy. I have enjoyed working within the leadership of many talented and dedicated professionals. Scott Rivkees has set the standard of excellence in leadership for my entire career. I am very disappointed he is leaving his position of leadership as Chairman of Pediatrics at the University of Florida. It is difficult for me to imagine we will be able to find another Chairperson as gifted and as effective as Scott Rivkees.

The citizens of the State of Florida will benefit from his leadership. Governor Ron DeSantis has demonstrated great wisdom in his decision to trust leadership for the health of Floridians to Scott Rivkees. Please, share accept my congratulations and my personal endorsement of Scott Rivkees. Our loss here at the University of Florida is certainly a gain for the entire Sunshine State.

Respectfully,

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