

April 4, 2019

Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida

Re: Scott Rivkees, MD

Dear Governor DeSantis,

As the academic chairs of the Pediatric Departments in the State of Florida, we would like to express our support for the nomination of Scott Rivkees, MD for surgeon general.

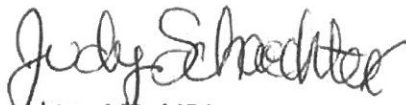
We have worked with Dr. Rivkees for the past five years on children's healthcare issues and medical education. Dr. Rivkees is extremely knowledgeable and collaborative. He is passionate about children's issues, and the health of all Floridians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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