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To: Attendees at the National Coalition Consensus Conference on Oral Health of Vulnerable Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

Subject: Follow up to the National Coalition Consensus Conference

We wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved with planning, implementing, or attending the National Coalition Consensus Conference on Oral Health of Vulnerable Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities on November 18 in Washington, DC. The enthusiasm and energy at the conference was incredible.

The presenters, reactors and table facilitators met again on November 19 and pooled the ideas and recommendations that came from the table discussions. There were about 150 wonderful recommendations and ideas that emerged. Over the next few months these will be organized and coalesced into a manageable set of recommendations and action items that will be shared with all of you.

Each of you played an integral and important part in what we accomplished at the Conference. Thank you for your thoughts and more importantly for your incredible energy and passion for oral health for persons with disabilities and vulnerable elders.

If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact ADA staff member, Dr. Barbara Smith, manager, Geriatric and Special Needs Populations at SmithB@ada.org. We look forward to building and strengthening this coalition through further communication and interaction with you in the months ahead.

All the best,

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