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Dear Kathy,

I am happy to provide this letter in support for continued funding for Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming as a means of addressing local and statewide issues related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and suicide.

I served as Police Chief in Sundance for the past 18 years, retiring recently. I have been involved with the PMO in Crook County for the past few years through the Crook County Prevention & Wellness Coalition. Our collaboration has included participation with radio ads for DUI prevention and binge drinking. For the past couple of years, we have worked to educate our mayor, city council and event planners on the merits of TiPS training for alcohol servers who are employed as well as those who volunteer for community events. The PMO Crook County has provided policy samples for required TiPS training as well as the WASCOP-endorsed community event checklist to assist with our local festivals and rodeos.

The Sundance Police Department co-hosted a policymaker forum last fall with the PMO, the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police, the Crook County Sheriff's Office, and the Wyoming Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Office and the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving. Ernie Johnson spoke to this group of influencers about how substance abuse impacts crime locally. This event provided an excellent platform for discussion and an opportunity to unify our efforts as we continue to address our unique challenges.

As you know, new Chief of Police for Sundance, Marty Noonan, is continuing this partnership. He is currently assisting with WASCOP's marijuana education campaign along with other county law enforcement, Crook County School District #1 and PMO Crook County. He is also an active member of the Crook County Prevention & Welfness Coalition.

In conclusion, I am hopeful that the relationship between PMO Crook County and the Sundance Police Department will persist and believe it to be an important force to improve the safety and health of our community. Thank you for helping to serve our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely.

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