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Wyoming Department of Health
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RE: Letter of Reference to Support the Prevention Management Organization's (PMO) Application under Request for Proposal No. 0101-B (Wyoming Prevention Technical Assistance Coordinator)

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the Prevention Management Organization's application for the aforementioned request for proposal.

The local PMO staff has provided expert technical assistance to the Star Valley Prevention Coalition on multiple occasions. As an example, our coalition has worked towards decreasing the abuse and misuse of prescription medication. In an effort to reach our goals, the PMO staff provided data and explanation to the coalition members on the problems within our area, media to educate the community and 2 Rx Drop Boxes for the public to utilize in Lincoln County.

As a result of the technical assistance and support provide by the PMO, the Star Valley Coalition has been able to promote safe and proper disposal of unused medications. Subsequently, several pounds of medication have been turned into the Rx Drop boxes on monthly basis. This strategy alone has provided a decrease in the misuse of medications in our communities.

As a member of the Star Valley Coalition, the technical assistance provided by the PMO is much appreciated. It has been beneficial to the prevention work efforts within our communities. I would recommend that the PMO continue to be the prevention technical assistance coordinator to serve and support communities across the state in achieving their prevention goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian G. Andrews", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Captain Brian G. Andrews

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office/Star Valley Coalition Member