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Dear Wyoming Department of Health,

I am writing this letter in support of our Prevention Management Organization (PMO) in Carbon County.

As the practice administrator of the Platte Valley Medical Clinic in Saratoga, I have seen and experienced first-hand the benefits of the prevention efforts of our PMO. As we know, mental health needs and substance abuse are very prevalent in our state, and specifically in Carbon County. In Saratoga, I have appreciated the efforts of the PMO in facilitating collaborative community meetings to inform, brainstorm, and problem solve how we can come together and tackle the preventive health issues that face us. In light of our clinic, we have worked closely with the PMO in making sure we are screening entire populations for use of tobacco use and attempting in a variety of ways to intervene. We also acknowledge there is a dire need for mental health services in the state of Wyoming. We very much appreciate the resources from the PMO to use for our community to recognize and help those with mental illnesses.

On another note, as a member of the Carbon County School District #2 Board of Trustees, I am incredibly grateful for the efforts put forth by the PMO to address school-age substance use and mental health needs. In fact, at our most recent coalition meeting, I appreciated the PMO delivering statistical data regarding substance use in our schools. As a Board Member, I hope to use this information in a collaborative effort with community members to write and implement policies to address these issues.

Clearly, it is the effort put forth by the PMO in our community that facilitates a collaborative effort of community, businesses, schools and other community resources to make our town, county and state healthier and safer.

Thank you for your consideration,



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