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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter in support of the Prevention Management Organization (PMO) and its application in response to the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division's Request for Applications (RFA) to provide Community Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Services across the state of Wyoming.

I have personally participated in many of the high quality events provided by the PMO. Some of the most impressive include:

- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) – This training is two days in length. I participated for the duration and was able to personally witness the impact of employing intervention skills with someone experiencing a suicide crisis. Our suicide rates in Wyoming are staggering and the work of the PMO is a critical part of our response to addressing them.
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training – CIT is a five day intensive training for Law Enforcement and other first responders designed to help them identify mental health concerns and de-escalate crisis situations. I attended a CIT Awards Ceremony honoring CIT trained responders and continue to be impressed by both the quality of our responders and the services the PMO provides to them.
- Marijuana Summit – an 8 hour state-wide informational seminar featuring nationally recognized experts who provided facts, not propaganda, about how drugs have changed over the decades and the unintended consequences experienced by states employing varying levels of legalization. This summit provided an overwhelming amount of information. It is important information and unfortunately not as readily available as the pro-drug propaganda messages. I am eager to attend future events on this topic provided by the PMO.

In short, the PMO does good work and important work under difficult circumstances. We are lucky to have such a committed and capable organization working to prevent such crippling social problems as substance abuse and suicide. The PMO has my full and unqualified support in their application to continue in their current capacity.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Laursen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Wyoming State Legislature