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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 request for proposal.

Steadfast PMO staff provided professional technical assistance to Rock Springs Police Department to support local efforts to address our community's need for alcohol and substance abuse prevention. Their support included educational opportunities for our law enforcement staff, many of which provided opportunity for officers to obtain POST credit hours at no cost. PMO has supported and hosted various prevention summits which offered education to elected officials, community professionals, and community members. Education was conducted by presenters, such as, Ernie Johnson, former director of Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy and Ben Cort with Professional Relations at the Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation (CeDAR), part of the University of Colorado Health system, and various other prestigious professionals.

PMO has also supported local law enforcement's ability to enforce city and state law by their donation of seven (7) new portable breath testing units and four (4) portable identification card scanners. Currently, there is an active effort with PMO, RSPD, and the City of Rock Springs to address and update city ordinance language on the topic of tobacco use in public spaces to include e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

The technical assistance and support provided by the PMO and various community partnerships has significantly enhanced the Rock Springs Police Department's understanding of alcohol and substance abuse. The PMO has also supported the Rock Springs Police Department through continued education in these areas.

The services provided by the PMO adds value to our shared efforts in the community. I recommend the PMO continue to be the prevention technical assistance coordinator to serve and support communities across the state in achieving their prevention goals.

Sincerely,

Dwane J. Pacheco
Chief of Police