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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Prevention Management Organization (PMO) of Wyoming.

I've had the opportunity to work with PMO staff members in Natrona County on a number of projects. I've always been impressed by their professionalism and the depth of their knowledge about suicide, substance abuse and tobacco control.

In 2013-2015, I worked with PMO staff members as a part of Smokefree Natrona County coalition. The PMO provided not only their expertise in tobacco control, but their passion for this issue. This was a very contentious and divisive issue in Casper; however, PMO staff always stayed positive and professional. More importantly, due to their efforts and that of the coalition, Casper now has a comprehensive smokefree ordinance.

More recently, I've worked with the PMO on prevention initiatives focused on youth substance abuse issues. Safe Kids of Central Wyoming is particularly interested in keeping kids and teenagers away from prescription drugs. This collaboration has helped our program expand the definition of what "safety" means for kids in our community and has allowed us to strengthen and improve our programs in this area to be more meaningful to our community.

PMO has also hosted a number of very successful Drug Take Back events, the most recent of which was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>. These events provide many benefits to the community by: (1) allowing individuals to safely dispose of drugs they no longer need; (2) keeping prescription drugs out of the hands of individuals who may abuse them; (3) raising awareness of substance abuse issues at a very grassroots level. I, personally, was amazed at the number of prescription drugs that were turned in at the most recent event.

Finally, I've always been impressed with the staff at the PMO. The organization makes a point to hire people with the knowledge, background and passion needed to further its goals. This, alone, has contributed to their many successes.

Please feel free to contact me at [aedwards@wyomingmedicalcenter.org](mailto:aedwards@wyomingmedicalcenter.org) or (307) 577-7904, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Edwards".

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