

Sara Fluer

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**From:** Matt Stech  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 3:54 PM  
**To:** Sara Fluer  
**Cc:** Jacob Richins; Julie Welsh  
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Sara,  
Below is a letter of support from Jean Day a local attorney and member of St. John's Episcopal Church here in Jackson.  
Matt

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**From:** Jean Day [<mailto:jeanday@jdaylaw.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** Matt Stech  
**Cc:** Jacob Richins  
**Subject:** Letter of support, PMO!

Hello Matt, You've asked if I could write a letter of support for the Prevention Management Organization and I certainly and enthusiastically can. See the following; I hope you can put it into the format needed.

**To the Wyoming Department of Health  
Regarding the Prevention Management Organization, Teton County Office (PMO)**

January 28, 1916

I am writing to endorse continued funding and operation of the PMO. As a very concerned community member here in Jackson and the nation, and as an attendee of one of the QPR (Question/Persuade/Refer) trainings, and as chair of the Outreach/Service Committee of St. John's Episcopal Church, I would like to see this valuable, life-saving program continue and grow.

We, as you, are aware of the alarming rate of suicide and gun violence we face as a state and a nation. The violence, loss, and sadness have hit home in our town. In fact, in the Fall of 2015, I attended one of the community-wide presentations organized and sponsored by the PMO and I saw some of the families who personally suffered the loss of a loved one to suicide. There were many, so many more than I realized, and many had suffered and grieved in private before then. The information and support sensitively given that night must have been a help to them. For the rest of us in attendance, it was eye opening. And there was some good news there too; there is actually something an individual can do to intervene, perhaps stop a suicide.

The PMO is helping. It is doing something about suicide with its awareness, education, and prevention programs. The QPR program (professionally and excellently presented by Matt Stech and Jacob Richins), is offered frequently and made available to just about anyone who wants to listen and learn, actually giving practical information about what to do if you encounter a person who may be thinking of self harm or suicide. There is real advice given, steps to take that can help!

My church, St. John's, has granted funds to the PMO to support its efforts in publicizing and presenting its programs. The church also has free gun locks available, through the PMO. We are fully behind the urgent, important mission of the PMO.

Thank you to the Department of Health for recognizing the need and for funding the PMO. We hope and ask that you continue.

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