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Wyoming Department of Health
2300 Capital Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the efforts of the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming to influence wellness across the state. My primary interaction has been with the Teton County staff, although I have also worked with the staffs of Sublette and Lincoln Counties.

From 2005 to 2014, I was directly involved in the Teton County Suicide Prevention Coalition, including many years where I acted as coordinator of this group. At this point, the Teton County PMO has taken over leadership of this group and I see them expertly addressing suicide prevention efforts in our community. I partnered with the Teton County PMO on a major suicide prevention campaign in 2015. Their collaboration with the other three sponsoring organizations contributed to the tremendous success of Joanne Harpel's visit to our community.

Within Teton County, the PMO has heightened suicide prevention awareness through their many QPR trainings, gunlock distribution program and outreach to at risk populations.

Although I am not involved in local substance abuse and tobacco prevention work, I often witness the PMO's presence in our community, including the integration of wellness through Town Council ordinances, prescription drug disposal, engagement within the school system and general messaging in our community through the media.

My hope is to continue partnering with our local PMO on wellness issues that face many segments of our local community.

Sincerely,

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."
Martin Luther King