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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Prevention Management Organization (PMO) and the impact it has had on our local community over the past year. I serve as a member of the Niobrara County PMO Advisory Committee and have for the last year and feel that with Kerry Steward's knowledge and guidance that we have made some positive steps in educating our residents on the some very serious issues.

It was determined by our committee, that our number one concern in Niobrara County was the consumption and over consumption of alcohol and the acceptance of this activity. Our major focus was to start educating people on the detrimental effects of this practice. Kerry guided our group in providing us with various alcohol education such as through the local newspaper with various advertisements and a huge banner displayed in Lusk during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

With three suicides in our county in the past year, it was decided by the group that we needed to have Suicide Prevention education. Kerry provided the training to our local advisory group and will also be providing this training to our Niobrara County 4-H Leaders in February.

Education is the key to stop these practices that hurt and/or kill people in our communities. Prevention Management Organization is providing the education and services to help our communities and our residents overcome these detrimental activities and is a much needed service. Coming from the smallest county in Wyoming, Niobrara County often has to go without services because of our size. We are pleased that we have access to PMO services and providers and hope that our county affiliation with this organization will continue in the future. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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