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Wyoming Department of Health
Public Health Division
Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program
6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 500
Cheyenne, WY 82009

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:

We are writing to express our support for the Prevention Management Organization's application to continue as Wyoming's Prevention Technical Assistance Coordinator. We have worked with the PMO since its inception in 2012, as well as with numerous members of the PMO staff for more than ten years.

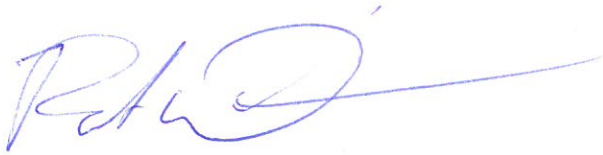
One of the greatest strengths of the PMO has been its provision of technical assistance and training around Wyoming to create a highly professional prevention workforce with the latest knowledge of prevention science. We have been fortunate to collaborate with the PMO on technical assistance, trainings of communities, and the creation of important products. For example, we have collaborated on annual meetings with community prevention specialists, and we have worked together to create intensive technical assistance plans for lower capacity coalitions. We have also worked with the PMO to develop a tobacco-free schools survey and two web-based process data collection systems.

In every instance, the PMO has been an outstanding partner as we work together to move the prevention system forward. PMO staff have become experts in their field, and they have worked tirelessly to keep Wyoming at the cutting edge of prevention. They work well with us evaluators, with the State, and with other experts from outside of Wyoming, like the National Center for the Application of Prevention Technology. The PMO has also been an invaluable partner on the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup and specific project teams, like Tobacco Prevention and Control or the Partnerships for Success.

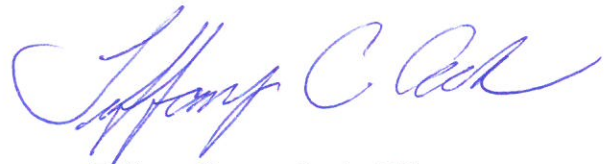
As a result of the technical assistance and support provide by the PMO, Wyoming now has high capacity to successfully prevent Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug abuse. Indeed, we have seen a numerous positive accomplishments resulting from the work of the PMO. These include implementing evidence-based policies and programs, and continued decreases in problems like underage drinking.

We can't imagine an organization better able to fill the role of prevention technical assistance provider in Wyoming, and we fully recommend the PMO for this job.

Sincerely,

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