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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:

I am writing to express my support for the Prevention Management Organization's application for the above-named request for proposal.

Since July 2013, the PMO's Community Systems Director, Felicia Turner, has acted as an advisory board member for the Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA). During this time, she has provided the board with ongoing expertise related to substance abuse and suicide prevention considerations with respect to WYAA projects and initiatives. She has facilitated the process of identifying qualified Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) trainers to ensure that such suicide prevention training could be offered at the last two annual WYAA conferences. The PMO engaged their team to offer this important training to afterschool directors and frontline staff members.

Additionally, Ms. Turner has worked to facilitate further coordination between WYAA and the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP) in order to strengthen WYAA efforts to reduce juvenile justice issues in the state. Specifically, she has worked with her contacts at WASCOP to offer School Resource Officers (SROs) free, online training, coaching, and support, in the social, emotional, and developmental needs of youth.

The PMO's high-quality technical assistance and support adds value to WYAA's work. I would recommend that the PMO continue to be the prevention technical assistance coordinator to serve and support communities and partners across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Barton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Linda Barton  
Director  
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