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Dear Dr. Wapner,

It is with great pleasure that I offer the Center for Public Health Practice at the Ohio State University College of Public Health (CPHP) the full support of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) for your proposal for the HRSA Region V Public Health Training Center. As the national association representing our 59 state and territorial health agencies and as the key research partner behind the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS), we understand the importance of developing a public health workforce that is equipped to meet today's public health issues. We understand both the workforce needs and the importance of partnerships needed to address them; we believe that CPHP shares this knowledge and the ability to oversee a regional network to collaboratively bolster the public health workforce's capacity in the cross-cutting public health strategic skills.

As you know, ASTHO has retained CPHP on several projects, most applicably on the development of our [Workforce Development Plan Toolkit](#) as a consultant, the ASI Workforce Development Plan webinar series as a trainer, and most recently, on the [PH WINS](#) Learning Collaborative as the project's workforce development expert. Our staff has found CPHP staff to be organized, knowledgeable, creative, professional and reliable.

This proposal supports ASTHO's overall mission to support, equip and advocate for health officials in their work of advancing the public's health and well-being. The partnerships developed through this project will assist the broader public health system in meeting goals related to system performance in the six state HRSA Region V. We look forward to supporting your efforts to improve the regional public health system workforce in any way that we can.

Most sincerely,



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