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Dear Dr. Magaña:

On behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) application for the Environmental Protection Agency Funding Opportunity to support the ASPPH Environmental Public Health Fellowship Cooperative Agreement.

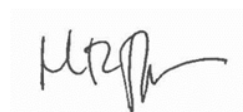
ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia, and over 100,000 public health professionals these agencies employ. ASTHO members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, formulate and influence sound public health policy and ensure excellence in state-based public health practice.

ASPPH and ASTHO have worked together to build a collective voice in support of priority environmental health issues by working together as part of the Environmental Health Coalition. The Coalition works to create healthier communities for all through partnerships, information-sharing and elevating environmental health.

In summary, ASTHO is pleased to support this project by working with ASPPH to foster practice-based training for early-career public health professionals. The activities that ASPPH proposes to continue under this cooperative agreement offer a tremendous opportunity to build a public health workforce armed with the competencies and skills necessary to effectively respond to existing and emerging environmental public health threats.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in support of strengthening the health of people in every state and the U.S. territories.

Sincerely,



Michael Fraser, PhD MS CAE FCPP
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