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American Cancer Society
Attn: Sarah Shafir, MPH
250 Williams Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Shafir:

On behalf of the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), I am pleased to express support of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) application for funding through CDC DP18-1805 – *Provision of Technical Assistance and Training Activities to Assure Comprehensive Cancer Control Outcomes*.

ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing the public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, as well as the more than 100,000 public health professionals these agencies employ. ASHTO works closely with ACS on projects and in advisory capacities. Our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Marcus Plescia serves on the ACS Mission Outcomes committee. Our two organizations work closely on projects related to breast and colorectal cancer screening and have been working to plan a project to promote HPV vaccination. ACS regional staff also work very closely with our state health department membership on a wide-range of chronic disease issues.

Since the inception of the CDC National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) in 1998, ACS has played an integral role in supporting CDC's NCCCP. Support has been provided through convening the Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partnership, providing technical assistance and training on creating multi-sector cancer coalitions, using data to determine the cancer burden, identifying and prioritizing evidence-based and proven strategies and creating, implementing and evaluating cancer plans to the states, territories, tribes and Pacific Island Jurisdictions. With expert scientific, medical and public health leadership at ACS global headquarters, in Atlanta, GA, and a highly competent and capable regional workforce, ACS is a leader in delivering high-quality cancer information, promoting cancer prevention and screening guidelines, supporting cancer survivors and implementing evidence-based strategies across the cancer continuum to reduce the burden of cancer across the nation.

This funding opportunity will enable the ACS to continue to assist the NCCCP grantees and their coalitions build their capacity to implement evidence-based and promising practices in cancer primary prevention, screening and diagnostic follow-up and survivorship.

We support your application for funding and look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Mericsko".

John Mericsko
Chief Operating Officer