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Dear Ms. Tomlinson :

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you and your staff on becoming reaccredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

NACCHO has long supported the movement toward a voluntary accreditation program for health departments and is proud to have been an active part of PHAB's development.

As the NACCHO representative on the PHAB Board of Directors, and as the Chief Executive Officer of the member organization representing the nation's nearly 3,000 local health departments, I believe that local health departments and the public health system across the country is strengthened by accreditation, especially in response to significant public health crises, including the current COVID pandemic and the ongoing opioids epidemic.

Your commitment to creating a culture of quality improvement continues to inspire and assist other departments who are considering accreditation.

Please do not hesitate to let me know how NACCHO can support your efforts, as we appreciate the opportunity to work with and learn from exceptional agencies like yours in our commitment to building the capacity of the nation's local health departments.

Congratulations and thank you for your incredibly important work providing critical services to those you serve.

Sincerely,

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Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA Chief Executive Officer

