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Dear Ms. Chapman:

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) writes to enthusiastically support our fellow Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partnership member George Washington University (GW) Cancer Center in their CDC-RFA-DP18-1805 application titled *Building Cancer Control Capacity: Scaling Evidence to Practice to Advance Health Equity*.

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is a consensus-driven national nonprofit representing state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. territories and freely associated states, and the District of Columbia. We are a leadership home, advocate, and capacity building provider for state and territorial health officials and their leadership teams. Our members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, formulate and influence sound public health policy and ensure excellence in state-based public health practice. ASTHO members and our key public health partners and 20 affiliate organizations represent public health leaders across state, territorial, and local health departments. ASTHO serves as a resource to state health agencies and national and federal partners on public health perspectives, capacities, challenges, and opportunities to implement state-based prevention initiatives.

Both CDC-funded technical assistance and training (TAT) providers through different mechanisms, GW and ASTHO partnered recently to cross-promote resources and reduce duplication of efforts. GW presented a well-received webinar for our Breast Cancer Learning Collaborative and will also provide subject matter expertise during our upcoming in-person meeting for the learning collaborative.

We support GW's proposed activities under DP18-1805, as they address needs we have heard and observed among department of health leaders and staff. ASTHO looks forward to partnering with GW to promote their resources and webinars through our networks, and to providing subject matter expertise for live workshops and a mentorship program planned for state, tribal and territorial cancer control programs. We look forward to strengthening our partnership under the mutual goal to advance health equity and reduce chronic diseases nationally through provision of high-quality TAT for evidence-based interventions and policy, systems and environmental changes.

Sincerely,



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