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Dear Dr. Gielen,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in support of the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy's renewal application to the CDC. The Center has a long history of supporting injury and violence prevention professionals, and we are excited to strengthen our partnership with the Center in the next funding cycle.

ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the U.S., the U.S. Territories, and D.C. Our organization's vision is state and territorial health agencies advancing health equity and optimal health for all. We were pleased to be a partner on the Center's Outreach Core during your last funding period to disseminate information about effective policy strategies for preventing injury. We also view the Center as a resource for our members, and we know that we can turn to your faculty when in need of evidence concerning injury, violence, and related prevention strategies. The research that the Center is proposing as part of its renewal application is also of great interest to us. The topics (motor vehicle crashes, prescription drug overdose, and suicide) are all priority injury areas for ASTHO. We look forward to seeing the findings that will result from your work, and sharing the results with our members and other national audiences.

Finally, we look forward to partnering with the Center on its Training and Education Core. We have an intern position in injury and violence prevention, and we were glad to share the most recent announcement with the Center. Regardless of whether we are able to secure one of the Center's students for this specific position, we look forward to exploring additional opportunities to provide valuable training and education experiences for your students. Your Center is a terrific resource, and I wish you all the best with your renewal application.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Fraser, PhD MS CAE FCPP
Chief Executive Officer