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Scott Berns, MD, MPH, FAAP  
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Dear Dr. Berns:

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) enthusiastically supports the National Institute for Children's Health Quality's (NICHQ) application in response to the "Children's Safety Network Program" (HRSA-18-083), issued by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau at the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We are excited to partner with NICHQ to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and youth.

NICHQ and its partners have a wealth of experience working with states and across sectors, to improve children's health and welfare, as well as extensive expertise in change management, quality improvement and collaborative learning approaches.

To support NICHQ's work and advance the efforts of the Children's Safety Network, ASTHO is committed to serving on the CSN National Coalition and Steering Committee. As a member of the Coalition and Steering Committee, ASTHO will support the connection between state health agency Title V and Injury and Violence Prevention programs.

We look forward to participating in the project and collaborating with this strong team to promote the adoption of evidence-based strategies in child safety promotion.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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