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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 of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), I am pleased to express support of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) application for funding through CDC DP18-1802 - *PPHF 2018: Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grants - Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health*.

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.

The ACS plays an integral role in the nation's public health infrastructure. 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 and evidence-based strategies and interventions to reduce the burden of cancer across the nation.

ACS has a proven track record of working with health system partners including Federally Qualified Health Centers/primary care systems, hospital systems, health insurers, state and local health departments and other systems on evidence-based/informed strategies across the cancer continuum. This funding opportunity will enable the ACS to build the capacity of hospital systems and health departments to establish meaningful partnerships to promote and deliver evidence-based cancer prevention and screening interventions across the communities they serve.

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

Sincerely,



Michael R. Fraser, PhD, MS, CAE, FCPP
Executive Director