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The Honorable Alex Azar
Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is the national non-profit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States. ASTHO's Board of Directors, the chief health officials in their respective jurisdictions, and I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other leaders from the Department of Health and Human Services to learn more about your priorities and discuss the federal partnership with the state and territorial health departments.

We would like to request meetings with the following individuals:

- Dr. Alex Azar, Secretary;
- Dr. Brett Giroir, Assistant Secretary of Health (*pending Senate confirmation*);
- Dr. Jerome Adams, Surgeon General of the United States;
- Dr. Robert Kadlec, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and
- Dr. Mitch Wolfe, Acting Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Washington, D.C. Office.

The ASTHO Board of Directors is available to meet from 3-5 p.m. on March 15. We are working with Daniel Barber in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to help coordinate the meetings internally. Please contact Carolyn McCoy, senior director, federal government relations. She can be reached at (202) 487-9441 or cmccoy@astho.org. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your positive response, and to this meeting on March 15.

Sincerely,



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CC: Daniel A. Barber, Office of the Secretary, Intergovernmental & External Affairs
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