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Dr. Jon Vernick  
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Dear Dr. Vernick,

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is committed to helping state health departments understand emerging policies to address prescription drug misuse and their impact. As such, we strongly support your proposed project to evaluate the effects of state opioid prescribing laws on fatal motor vehicle crashes.

We will be eager to work with you throughout your proposed study. As the affiliate organization for state and territorial health officials, we would be particularly enthusiastic to help you disseminate your findings to appropriate stakeholders. As you know, we have many venues through which to do this, including teleconferences and briefings.

Preventing prescription drug misuse and diversion is a national problem, and state health departments are key players in policy approaches to address this epidemic. In addition, state health departments are critical partners in state efforts to limit motor vehicle crash deaths. We are excited by the opportunity to work with you and your team. We believe you have identified an important topic, with clear implications for public health practitioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Fraser", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Michael Fraser, PhD, CAE, FCPP  
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