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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director
White House Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
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Dear Director Mulvaney:

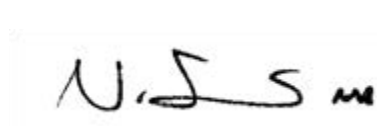
On behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), we are writing in response to President Trump's Executive Order entitled, "Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees." We encourage the Administration to consider input from ASTHO as you seek to reduce the number of advisory committees.

Many federal advisory committees play a critical role in soliciting feedback, advice, and expertise from public health officials working to protect and promote the health of the jurisdictions they serve. Advisory committee meetings serve as a forum for formal comments and subject matter expertise on emerging policy issues that can help inform federal response, guideline development, and public health policies and practices based on science and evidence.

If you or your staff wish to discuss this further, please contact Carolyn Mullen (cmullen@astho.org), ASTHO's chief of government affairs and public relations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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