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Dear Ms. Savage,

On behalf of the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) membership, representing all Kansas Counties through the 100 Local Health Departments (LHD), thank you for the continued collaboration toward the implementation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement. This is a vital component of the overall emergency readiness posture for all Kansans.

This letter provides written concurrence, to sustain the proposed use of the non-earmarked cooperative agreement funds at the same level as the prior budget period. KALHD also concurs with a 50/50 state/local split of the allocated PHEP dollars, with the local's 50% further split 82% for county/tribal distribution and 18% split for regional distribution (after factoring out KALHD's PHEP contract which is paid via the local share of PHEP funds).

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined as follows:

- On March 31, 2025, the KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team met for its quarterly meeting to discuss the draft workplan presented by KDHE. The workplan for budget period 2 is significantly similar to the prior budget period with revisions to language for purposes of increased clarity. No new tasks are proposed by KDHE which is consistent with anticipated level funding.
- On April 7, 2025, KDHE shared a revised draft with KALHD who distributed it to the PHEP Advisory Team providing an opportunity to submit any additional comments via email. Comments received were shared with KDHE.
- On April 15, 2025, KDHE made a presentation to the KALHD Board on the proposed changes in the work plan.
- On April 15, 2025, the KALHD Board conducted a vote and approved the submission of this concurrence letter to KDHE.

Thank you for your assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Randy Bowman
KALHD Executive Director