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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Alexander and Senator Murray:

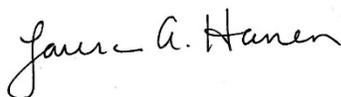
On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and nearly 3,000 city, county, district and tribal health departments, I write today in support of the nomination of Jerome Adams, MD, MPH to be the next Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Adams has served as commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health since 2014, where he oversees the public health protection and laboratory services, health and human services, healthcare quality and regulatory, and tobacco prevention and cessation commissions. He showed outstanding leadership during the opioid, hepatitis and HIV crises in Scott County, Indiana in 2014/2015 and has championed public health prevention measures like syringe exchange programs to stop the spread of disease. Dr. Adams' knowledge and experience dealing with public health challenges will serve the nation well.

NACCHO is the voice of the nation's local health departments that work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. Local health departments collaborate with federal, state and local partners, including the Surgeon General, to create conditions where all people can reach their highest potential without health barriers. The Surgeon General plays a critical role in establishing the evidence base for public health interventions.

NACCHO's leadership and members look forward to working with Dr. Adams to improve the health of all Americans. Please contact Eli Briggs, Senior Government Affairs Director, at ebriggs@naccho.org or 202/507-4194 with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,



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