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Acting Designated Federal Officer
Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Ms. Musmar:

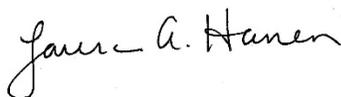
On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of the nomination of Benjamin Schwartz, MD to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB). NACCHO is the voice of the nearly 3,000 local health departments across the country. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities.

Dr. Schwartz serves as Deputy Director and Interim Director of the Acute Communicable Disease Control Program for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. He is also a lecturer in the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Schwartz's experience in LA County, substantial work in addressing antibiotic resistance nationally and internationally, and proven service in expert and advisory capacities highlights his ability to address the challenge of antimicrobial resistance at various levels from clinical, academic, and public health perspectives. The breadth and depth of his experience make him an ideal candidate for this position.

Local health departments are a key partner with health care providers and hospitals in combating antimicrobial resistance. Dr. Schwartz's clinical and public health background, experience in informing policies and guidelines, and current faculty appointment enable him to provide comprehensive policy and program perspectives to support and evaluate implementation of U.S. government activities related to combating antibiotic-resistance bacteria.

Dr. Schwartz would be a valuable addition to PACCARB, and we give our strongest recommendation for his candidacy. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Cantu, Director, Infectious Disease and Immunization at 202-507-4251 or mcantu@naccho.org.

Sincerely,



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Interim Executive Director & Chief of Government Affairs

