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Re: Nomination of Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser for Membership to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write to nominate Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, Interim Health Officer and Medical Director for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, to serve as a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). NACCHO is the voice of the 2,800 local health departments across the country. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to ensure the safety of the water we drink, the food we eat, and the air we breathe.

Dr. Gunzenhauser has worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health since 2003. During this time, he has held a variety of roles, including serving as Interim Health Officer since 2014. In this capacity, he led the county's response to the 2015 measles outbreak, helped prepare the county to respond to the Ebola outbreak, and provided medical leadership in responding to the recent massive Aliso Canyon natural gas leak.

Since 2007, Dr. Gunzenhauser has been the County's Medical Director and Director of the Quality Improvement Division, where he coordinates with members of the Los Angeles County medical community on a wide range of public health issues to implement evidence-based recommendations that will protect and serve Los Angeles County's more than 10 million residents.

Prior to joining the LA County Department of Public Health, Dr. Gunzenhauser served for more than 20 years as a Preventive Medicine physician and epidemiologist in the United States Army, including serving as the consultant to the Army Surgeon General at the time of the Pentagon attack and during the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Dr. Gunzenhauser's research and publications focus on the importance of clinical preventive services, improving the training of physicians seeking public health education, and clinical epidemiology. Through his various roles, he communicates scientific findings to multiple



audiences, including the general public, media, academic community, policymakers, and health care professionals.

Dr. Gunzenhauser holds a Bachelor of Science degree from U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; a Doctor of Medicine degree from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences School of Medicine; and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California's Berkeley School of Public Health. He completed his residency in general preventive medicine at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research where he assisted in initiation of the Army's HIV screening program that included analytic modeling to develop clinical evaluation forms, epidemiologic questionnaires, and data acquisition along with designing of initial database and analyzing early data.

Dr. Gunzenhauser is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, has served as the President of the California Academy of Preventive Medicine, and serves on the Board of Directors at the California Center for Public Health Advocacy. He received the Legion of Merit, Armed Forces Expeditionary Award, Army National Defense Award, and George Miller Sternberg Award. He is an active member of the Big Cities Health Coalition, administered by NACCHO.

Local health departments are a key partner with AHRQ, on the ground every day serving and protecting their communities. Dr. Gunzenhauser's experience at the LA County Department of Public Health is invaluable. His combination of medical expertise, leadership in the area of population health, dedication to public service, and commitment to promoting health and reducing health disparities will make him an instrumental member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

NACCHO gives our strongest recommendation for his candidacy. Please contact Eli Briggs, Senior Director of Government Affairs at ebriggs@naccho.org or 202-507-4194 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LaMar Hasbrouck', written in a cursive style.

LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH
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