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Re: Nomination for Appointment of Dr. John Douglas to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Dear Ms. Thomas:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of the nomination of John M. Douglas, MD to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). 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. Local health departments are committed to ensuring that the members of their communities have access to immunization services, maintaining high immunization coverage rates, and responding to incidents of vaccine preventable disease within their jurisdictions. Dr. Douglas' membership on the ACIP will ensure that the perspective of local communities is represented in the work of this important federal advisory committee.

Dr. Douglas serves as Executive Director for the Tri-County Health Department in Colorado. In this capacity, he oversees the largest local public health agency in Colorado which serves 1.5 million people. A key component of Dr. Douglas' current work is also participating as President of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials and a member of the Colorado Public Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee. He has extensive experience at the local and national level working in infectious disease, vaccine research, and as a member of several immunization workgroups/advisory committees. In his work at the national level at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), he oversaw HPV vaccine scientific efforts, the integration of STI and immunization services, and served as a member of the ACIP Steering Committee and the ACIP HPV Vaccine Workgroup. Dr. Douglas' local and national level public health experience, substantial work in vaccine research, and proven service in expert and advisory capacities highlights his ability to address the evolving field of immunization at various levels. The breadth and depth of his experience make him an ideal candidate for this position.

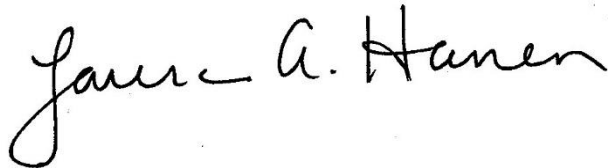
In addition to providing local leadership, Dr. Douglas provides leadership to his peers and partners across the country. Since July 2014, Dr. Douglas has served as a member of NACCHO's Immunization Workgroup, contributing valuable insight on local health department immunization policies and practices. Dr. Douglas' contributions to NACCHO have helped to improve alignment among federal, state, and local public health policies, guidance and activities. Dr. Douglas has proven to be an integral



member of the workgroup, and frequently lends his clinical and public health expertise to the workgroup's discussions and activities.

Dr. Douglas would be a valuable addition to the ACIP, and would serve as an important link to the realities of local public health practice. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Cantu, Director, Infectious Disease and Immunization at 202-507-4251 or mcantu@naccho.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura A. Hanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Laura Hanen, MPP
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