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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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Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Musmar:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of the nomination of Stephanie Black, MD. MSc to serve as a voting member of 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. Local health departments are a key partner with health care providers and hospitals in combating antimicrobial resistance.

Dr. Black serves as Medical Director of the Communicable Disease Program for the Chicago Department of Public Health. Prior to this appointment she held an Assistant Professor of Medicine position in the section of Infectious Diseases at Rush Medical College. In Chicago, Dr. Black focuses on healthcare associated infections and infection control at healthcare facilities addressing antibiotic resistance, conducting surveillance and outbreak investigations, and responding to emerging infectious disease threats including *Candida auris* and carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae. Dr. Black also consults with the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy to provide her clinical expertise and review.

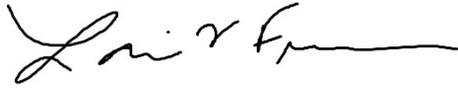
Furthermore, Dr. Black has shared her perspective through her participation on national, state, and local committees and is widely recognized and respected in her field. She has served as a NACCHO liaison on the Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Pathogens (CORHA). Dr. Black's clinical and public health background and experience in informing policies and guidelines enable her to provide comprehensive policy and program perspectives to support and evaluate implementation of U.S. government activities related to combating antibiotic-resistance bacteria. Her understanding of infection prevention and control, antibiotic stewardship, and reporting of HAI surveillance data, particularly at the intersection of public health and healthcare, will be invaluable to helping the committee make recommendations that are evidence-based, progressive, and realistic.

Dr. Black has proven service in expert and advisory capacities and her broad range of esteemed positions highlights her ability to address the challenge of antimicrobial resistance at various levels from clinical, academic, and public health perspectives. The breadth and depth of her experience make her an ideal candidate for this position. Dr. Black would be a valuable addition to PACCARB, and we give our



strongest recommendation for her candidacy. 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, appearing to read "Lori Tremmel Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lori Tremmel Freeman
Chief Executive Officer