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Perri Ruckart, MPH
Lead Exposure Prevention Advisory Committee
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4770 Buford Highway (MS-F58)
Atlanta, GA 30341

Dear Ms. Ruckart:

Re: Letter of support for the nomination of Wallace L. Chambers to serve on the Lead Exposure Prevention Advisory Committee

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), we support the nomination of Mr. Wallace L. Chambers (RS) to serve on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Lead Exposure and Prevention Advisory Committee (LEPAC). 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. Mr. Chambers has been an integral part of those efforts in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Mr. Chambers has served as the Deputy Director for Environmental Health at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health since 2014. In this capacity he provides leadership on the design, implementation, evaluation, and administration of a wide array of environmental health programs aimed at promoting the public's health. This includes the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, which offers a wide range of services in pursuit of eliminating childhood lead poisoning.

Before coming to Cuyahoga County, Mr. Chambers demonstrated his commitment to lead poisoning prevention over his more than two decades of public health service. For five years he led Akron, Ohio's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, during which time he was repeatedly called to testify as an expert witness on the subject. Evident of his commitment to this work, Mr. Chambers also served concurrently as the program manager for several HUD Lead Hazard Control Grants disbursed in Summit County, Ohio. Additionally, Mr. Chambers' acquisition of a Healthy Homes Specialist Credential further cements his commitment to prevention and his expertise on the dangerous environmental elements found within homes.

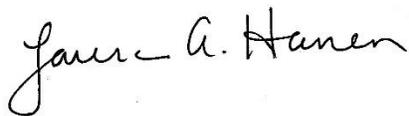


Finally, Mr. Chambers is an invaluable member of NACCHO's Environmental Health Committee, on which he has served since 2017. His presence during committee meetings has played an important role in keeping NACCHO connected to work on the ground and helped drive its programmatic work.

Local health departments are a key partner of the CDC. Mr. Chambers' extensive environmental public health background and experience at the local level and on national committees enable him to provide comprehensive policy and program perspectives on protecting and promoting population health, especially as it relates to lead poisoning prevention. NACCHO gives the strongest recommendation for his nomination.

Please contact Jennifer Li, Senior Director of Environmental Health and Disability at jl@naccho.org or 202-507-4242 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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