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Ms. Howell,

This letter serves as written notice to the State regarding compliance with the Debarment and Suspension certification for the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant. That certification requires the grantee to certify that it "ha[s] not within a three (3) year period preceding this Grant Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default." The certification permits the grantee to submit an attachment to the certification explaining why the grantee is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification.

On March 25, 2025, the Health Department of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro") received a notification from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") that a Community Healthcare Workers grant was terminated "for cause" due to the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. The notification did not indicate any wrongdoing on the part of Metro that prompted the termination.

On April 24, 2025, Metro filed a lawsuit against the CDC challenging the illegal termination of the above-mentioned grant, including the "for cause" termination designation. On June 17, 2025, the Court granted a preliminary injunction preventing the CDC from enforcing the termination of the grant.

Metro is otherwise compliant with the Debarment and Suspension certification.

If you require any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wallace W. Dietz".

Wallace W. Dietz, Director of Law
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County