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Maria Campos Araujo, Program Director Tennessee Department of Health 7th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

Ms. Araujo,

This letter serves as written notice to the State regarding compliance with the Debarment and Suspension clause in the grant contract. That clause 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 clause further requires the grantee to "provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded or disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d."

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.

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

Sincerely,

Wallace W. Dietz, Director of Law

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