

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0505

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Ms. Vivian Walker
Grants Management Officer
Department of Health and Human Services
CDC Procurement and Grants Office
2921 Brandywine Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

RE: Sierra Health Foundation
Community Transformation Grant Application

Dear Ms. Walker:

I am writing to support the Sierra Health Foundation, and its funding partners, as they apply for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Community Transformation Grant (CTG).

More than 40 key stakeholders, such as the UC Davis Health System, Anthem Blue Cross, the California Endowment and Catholic Healthcare West, have joined the Sierra Health Foundation to partake in this capacity building grant application and establish a county-wide coalition that meets the public health needs of the Sacramento region.

The U.S. Census Bureau ranked Sacramento County as the twentieth most diverse county in the US and sixth in the State in 2001; and in 2007 the California Department of Finance projected that over the next four decades the County's population would increase by 52 percent. In order to prepare for these projected drastic changes, our region is in dire need of a coordinated public health system and this Sacramento county-wide coalition, led by the Sierra Health Foundation, has expressed to me their commitment to help improve the health and safety of our region.

I am grateful with Sierra Health Foundation's work, and its funding partners, and am pleased to support them as they apply for this federal funding. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



DORIS O. MATSUI
Member of Congress

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