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Dear Dr. Aragón,

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) concurs with the grant application being submitted by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the COVID-19 Crisis Response Workforce Development Supplemental Funding cooperative agreement. The grant funding will continue to galvanize and sustain California's capacity and functions specifically with the inclusion of the regional workforce positions that will assist local health departments in response activities.

CDPH involved CCLHO during the planning process and agreed to include a recommendation for regional workforce positions to assist California's LHDs in their response activities. In addition, CCLHO leadership was presented with proposed funding recommendations for review and feedback.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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President, California Conference of Local Health Officers

