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Dear Dr. Hawgood:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry would like to express our sincere appreciation to University of California, San Francisco for your unwavering support and long-term commitment to pediatric environmental health specialty units. Together, University of California, San Francisco and the PEHSU network have played decisive roles in accomplishing the missions of the EPA and the CDC/ATSDR in protecting reproductive and children's environmental health.

PEHSUs have helped countless children and families address adverse health impacts resulting from environmental exposures through consultations and educational and outreach initiatives for more than 25 years. PEHSUs are an expert, trusted source of information not only for health professionals, but also for parents, schools, childcare centers and local and state health officials. PEHSUs provide their expertise on a myriad of issues, including drinking-water contamination, such as during the Flint, Michigan, water crisis; soil contamination, such as emergency response following the East Palestine, Ohio, train derailment; indoor air pollution; chemical exposures, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; safer disinfection; pesticides; and wildfire smoke, all of which are important environmental topics that have a significant impact on the health of our children and communities.

PEHSUs have also trained the next generation of environmental health leaders, including pediatricians, nurses, toxicologists, public health practitioners, and others through fellowships, grand rounds, lectures, and health professional education courses. Many of these trainees have since become leading voices in federal, state, local and academic institutions where they continue to address children's environmental issues through public health practice, research, teaching and community engagement and outreach efforts.

University of California, San Francisco and your vital support of the PEHSU network have a large and important positive impact on protecting the health and improving the lives of children in your region.

We look forward to continuing this highly successful and productive partnership, and we offer you our warmest regards in the meantime.

Sincerely yours,



Mandy K. Cohen, M.D., MPH
Director, CDC and
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