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Dear Dr. Meiman,

The Executive Board of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists would like to extend a special invitation to you to participate in the CSTE Annual Conference this year in Raleigh, North Carolina, June 2-6, 2019. Because you are the designated State Epidemiologist from Wisconsin, your attendance and participation is vital to the process of reviewing nationally notifiable conditions and in setting disease reporting and surveillance standards. Your state's vote at Thursday's business meeting on June 6th is necessary to approve position statements and other action items.

Also, as part of the 2019 CSTE Annual Conference, we would like to extend an invitation for you to attend a half-day *State Epi Forum* in the afternoon on Sunday, June 2, 2019. This convocation and workshop of State Epidemiologists is in response to feedback we have received to provide more opportunities for State Epidemiologists to convene and discuss priority issues early in the meeting. We anticipate this meeting will be an annual gathering and is limited to the State Epidemiologist from each jurisdiction along with the CSTE Executive Board. This year's workshop will include discussion on the proposed CSTE Executive Board governance changes, key Position Statements, and other high priority topics. This meeting will also include a networking session and introduction of new State Epidemiologists. **To RSVP for this forum, please see the link at the bottom of this invitation.**

The CSTE Annual Conference provides opportunities to network with other senior epidemiologists and impact national public health policy. In addition to the State Epi Forum, the half-day and full-day workshops taking place on Sunday June 2nd feature in-depth learning opportunities in areas such as influenza surveillance, vector borne diseases, and the opioid drug epidemic.

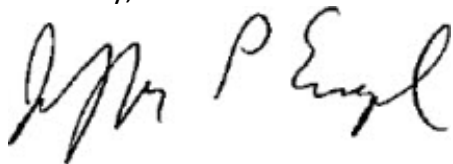
The main conference from Monday to Wednesday will explore leading edge epidemiology as this year's theme is "First in Flight: Recognizing Risk Takers & Risk Factors." There will be plenary lectures with renowned speakers, and broad-ranging scientific sessions related to public health surveillance and informatics, applied epidemiology programs, and the public health workforce. State and territorial representatives will share expertise and best practices in key public health subject areas such as substance abuse and behavioral health, preparedness, environmental health, chronic disease, occupational health, injury control, health disparities, infectious disease, maternal and child health, and more.

Thank you in advance for your attendance at the CSTE Annual Conference and business meeting. Your ongoing engagement and collaboration drive the success of CSTE and the field of applied epidemiology: data to action improving public health.

To confirm your attendance, please complete the following form by February 15, 2019

https://cste.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6QCPIAgwtreWRJr.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J P Engel".

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