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Dear Dr. Engel:

Thank you for your letter dated July 25, 2016 in which the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) forwarded the position statement "Use of Area-based Socioeconomic Status to Generate National Data on Health Outcomes with Proposed Healthy People 2030 Objectives for Which Individual Socioeconomic Status Data are Not Routinely Collected". As you know, Healthy People is led by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is an important partner, both as the Healthy People statistical advisor to HHS and as Lead or co-Lead for the majority of Healthy People Topic Areas.

Methodologies for Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) were set at the start of the decade with the aim of keeping those methodologies stable over the course of the decade. The planning process for HP2030 has now been initiated by ODPHP, beginning with the establishment of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. That committee is charged with providing recommendations on the scope, content, potential frameworks, approaches for selecting objectives, data sources, target setting methods, implementation and monitoring. We encourage you to suggest changes for Healthy People 2030 through the formal comment process, which will be established by ODPHP. This approach would ensure that comments are directed to Healthy People broadly. CDC will work with ODPHP/HHS, selected CDC programs and others to examine recommendations on a range of data issues, including use of subnational data, and approaches for examining social determinants, including socioeconomic status. We welcome your input.

Thank you again for CSTE's continued commitment to public health and disease prevention.

Sincerely,

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