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Dear Mr. McConnon:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Position Statement 07-EH-01, "Support for Continuity of Environmental Public Health Indicators Development." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) appreciates the continued support of CSTE on environmental health issues. Our partnership continues to advance toward the ultimate goal of protecting the health of the public from harmful environmental exposures.

Since 1999, CDC has collaborated with CSTE on the development of environmental public health indicators. Our early efforts cumulated in the publication of the CSTE/CDC Environmental Public Health Indicators in 2002. CDC continues to support work on environmental public health indicators by supporting state-based assessments of the published CSTE/CDC indicators through its National Environmental Public Health Tracking pilot projects; providing funding and participating in current State Environmental Public Health Indicators Collaborative (SEHIC) efforts; and providing technical assistance in evaluating the SEHIC process.

CDC and its state program partners for both asthma surveillance and environmental health tracking are actively engaged in the SEHIC effort. The work of SEHIC includes indicators and measures of (1) air quality; (2) asthma; and (3) drinking water provided a base for federal and state efforts to develop nationally consistent data and measures in CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network. This congressionally mandated effort is building a surveillance network that brings together information on environmental hazards, exposures, and environmentally-related health effects. It has also provided an opportunity for asthma grantees and tracking grantees to work together on some common issues.

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I hope this information is helpful and look forward to continuing to work with you on important environmental public health issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julie Louise Gerberding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being the most prominent.

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