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Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC Procurement and Grants Office
2920 Brandywine Road, MS K-69
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**RE: Letter of Support
Funding Opportunity Number CDC-RFA-OE12-1202**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the County of Sacramento's application for BioSense 2.0 funding through The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). This funding will provide the means to implement and utilize CDC's BioSense system to analyze health information for evidence of both rare and common threats to community health. The project will also provide the infrastructure for the Sacramento Area Center for Biosurveillance (SAC-B). Other participating counties in the region include the County of El Dorado, as well as Placer, Yolo, and Nevada.

The objective of the project is to involve the region's healthcare facilities. These facilities are crucial to the success of this project. In addition, the goal is to assist the participating facilities with fulfilling and sustaining the "improve population and public health" Meaningful Use requirement by submitting emergency department data to BioSense 2.0.

Respectfully submitted,

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