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Dr. Leslie Hammer & Dr. Ryan Olson  
Co-Directors, Oregon Healthy Workforce Center (OHWC)  
Oregon Health & Science University  
3222 SW Research Drive, L606  
Portland, OR 97239

Re: Letter of support for the Oregon Healthy Workforce Center, a NIOSH  
Center of Excellence for Total Worker Health® (U19); FOA: PAR-20-297

Dear Drs. Hammer and Olson,

We are pleased to provide a letter of support for your renewal grant application to the Total Worker Health program of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

The Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) provides an effective forum for business and labor to meet, explore, and resolve issues involving the workers' compensation system. The Oregon Legislature created the committee as part of the reform of the workers' compensation system in 1990. Members of MLAC – who represent both business and labor – are committed to a common set of values: Balance and fairness, adequacy of benefits, affordability, efficiency, stability and flexibility. Our members are appointed by the Governor of Oregon, and we report to the Governor and Oregon Legislature when requested on a range of occupational health and safety matters.

We enjoy our engagement with your Center's home, the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences. With base funding for the Institute coming from the Workers' Compensation Division, part of our role includes cognizance of your research and outreach, providing guidance and input on your overall direction, and periodically requesting research expertise. We were also very happy to be recently featured in your podcast, What's Work Got To Do With It? as part commemorating 30 years of the Institute.

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## Committee administration

Theresa Van Winkle

Committee Administrator

We are enthusiastic about the Oregon Healthy Workforce Center's past and planned emphasis on interventions to improve workplace safety and the well-being of the workforce, and have been impressed by your successes in getting your research into practice through your strong outreach program.

The full committee voted to endorse your renewal grant and support your goals and activities, which support our own goals for Oregon's employers and workers.

Sincerely,

Diana Winther  
Labor Co-Chair, MLAC

Kimberly Wood  
Management Co-Chair, MLAC