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Ms. Lisa Higgins
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Dear Ms. Higgins:

Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Kittitas County Public Health Department's (KCPHD) application for a Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine local public health demonstration project to improve adolescent vaccination.

Kittitas County, in partnership with KCPHD, is committed to increasing the rates of vaccination among our community members. Recognizing that upon reaching adolescent age, many children are not up to date on immunizations, interventions that target this age group are important. Because Central Washington University has a significant presence in our community, we support KCPHD's proposal to focus on the adolescent college student population between the ages of 17 and 20. Focusing on increasing vaccination rates in this population will not only protect the health of college students, but the health of the Kittitas County community in which they study, work, and live.

Thank you for consideration of KCPHD's application. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to increasing the vaccination rates of adolescent college students in Kittitas County.

Sincerely,

Paul Jewell, Chair
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners