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Oral Health Coalition**

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Dear Mr. Nandi and Members of the Review Committee,

The Washington State Oral Health Coalition (WSOHC) supports the application of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for the CDC RFA DP13-1307 *State Oral Disease Prevention Program* grant.

It is the hope of WSOHC that receipt of this grant will allow DOH to become more actively engaged in the work of the Coalition and further that the grant's receipt will provide DOH with the resources necessary to support the participation of local oral health coalitions in WSOHC and to enable the implementation of the Washington State Oral Health Plan.

Creating a viable statewide oral health network of stakeholders and consumers is, indeed, a worthy and important goal. Such a network could significantly improve the ability of DOH to measure oral health provider capacity and remove barriers to care.

Best regards,

Norma J. Wells, Chair
Washington State Oral Health Coalition

