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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

On behalf of Men's Health Network (MHN), I commend your efforts promoting the health of the citizens of your state. The public health system is critical to the health and wellbeing of all, providing health information, surveillance, and promotion of healthy behavior among the general population and high-risk groups.

This year MHN is again performing a survey of state public health departments to determine if they have programs that are designed specifically to reach women and girls, and if there are programs designed specifically to reach men and boys. We understand that there is a significant public investment in women's health, and are supportive of that investment, but we are also concerned that male health sometimes receives less attention and less support. The results of previous surveys were the focus of poster presentations at the American Public Health Association conference and the subject of articles published in professional journals.

Men's health is lagging in many key indicators, including preventable deaths. This is largely due to poor health education, lack of awareness and culturally induced behavior patterns. Despite these obstacles, MHN has found that when men are actively engaged in learning about their health, they are willing and active participants in the healthcare system. In order to address these problems, MHN has worked with government officials at both federal and state levels to promote legislation and practices that encourage healthy lifestyles in boys and men.

The critical nature of the male health crisis is reflected in the recent White House Dialogue on Men's Health, cosponsored by Men's Health Network. You can read about this event and view the webcast at www.DialogueOnMensHealth.com or contact us for additional information.

Your state's participation in this survey will help us to better serve as a resource for men's and boys' health for the nation, and help us more accurately answer inquiries about the availability of health resources for both men and women.

We have sent a copy of the enclosed survey to the administrator of your state's health department and are asking that surveys please be completed and returned by Monday, March 7, 2016. Completed surveys can be e-mailed to state.survey@menshealthnetwork.org or mailed to our office at the above address.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email or phone at 202-543-6461, ext.101 and I will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to receiving the completed survey from your state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandon Leonard
Director, Strategic Initiatives

Men's Health Outreach Survey

Your agency name: _____ State: _____

Your name: _____ Your title: _____

(_____) ext: _____
(Phone) (E-mail address)

What current outreach plans do you have to promote men's health? _____

Do you have a person (or persons) who coordinates men's health programs? Yes No

If so, please provide us with the following contact info:

(Name) _____ (Title) _____

(_____) ext: _____ (_____) _____
(Phone) (Fax)

(E-mail address) _____

(Address) _____ (Suite/Apt) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Do you have a person (or persons) who coordinates women's health programs? Yes No

If so, please provide us with the following contact info:

(Name) _____ (Title) _____

(_____) ext: _____ (_____) _____
(Phone) (Fax)

(E-mail address) _____

(Address) _____ (Suite/Apt) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

If you would like a copy of our **MHN HealthZone** planner, please let us know where you would like it mailed by filling out the form below. An on-line version can also be found at www.mhnhealthzone.com

(Name) _____ (Title) _____

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Please mail this form to Men's Health Network at P.O Box 77476, Washington DC 20013

(Attention: Brandon Leonard) or email to state.survey@menshealthnetwork.org

We appreciate your response and if you have any questions please contact us at 202-543-6461 x 101.