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Dear Ms. Brazile Miles,

I am writing on behalf of The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO) to express our strong support for the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division’s (OHA-PHD) application for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) “BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias” funding opportunity.

CLHO is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization that represents all of Oregon’s 33 local public health departments (LPHAs). CLHO staff support local public health officials through workforce development, communications, advocacy, and working closely with OHA and other partners to ensure LPHAs have the resources and support they need to serve their communities. CHLO is supportive of OHA-PHD efforts to prevent and manage chronic diseases, including Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD). Healthy aging and preventing chronic disease across the lifespan is a priority for LPHAs across Oregon and we welcome this opportunity to build capacity across Oregon’s public health systems and organizations for increasing awareness of ADRD, and develop a plan for preventing and reducing the burden of ADRD in all Oregon communities.

If OHA-OHD is funded, CLHO will support engagement with its members and their partner networks to promote and support primary, secondary and tertiary ADRD prevention and caregiver health, increase community engagement and tailor strategies that address equity and the social determinants of health, and create and promote ADRD and caregiver health messaging and communication materials.

CLHO and its members look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership with OHA-PHD to promote brain health and increase efforts geared towards reaching those who are most affected with ADRD and their caregivers.

Sincerely,