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Pama Joyner, Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Joyner:

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities supports the Washington State Department of Health's application for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Improving the Health of People with Mobility Limitations and Intellectual Disabilities through State-based Public Health Programs* funding opportunity announcement (DD16-1603). Grant funding to support the implementation of strategies to improve the health and quality of life of people with mobility limitations and/or intellectual disabilities through adaptation and implementation of evidence-based strategies in Washington are critically important to us all.

Assuring access and providing services to high risk individuals and high need communities has long been a priority of both our organizations. We look forward to continuing partnership with the Department of Health. Now is a significant time in the aligning of systems to improve population health in Washington State. We know community interventions are reaching people with disabilities however this project will do it with a more intentional and inclusive approach.

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities is in support of the enclosed grant application. We are committed to ensuring that our work with identifying priorities and creating recommendations to the Legislature and Governor to eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender aligns with the strategic direction of other initiatives in the State.

This proposal will help the Department of Health to continue building healthier, more equitable communities and we fully support the Department grant application.

Sincerely,

Emma Medicine White Crow, Chair
Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities