



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

August 22, 2016

Dear Mr. Jim Jeffords,

Earlier this year, Governor Jay Inslee issued an Executive Order (EO 16-02) calling for a public health approach to firearm fatality and suicide prevention in Washington State.

Under this order, the Washington State Department of Health will form an Action Alliance to focus on implementing the new Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan. The Action Alliance will work closely with the Governor's Leadership Team responsible for ensuring all actions required under EO 16-02 are taken.

The purpose of the Action Alliance will be to:

- Bring together stakeholders to guide implementation of EO 16-02 requiring executive-level authority and cross-system cooperation
- Leverage their networks and positions to drive action and policy change
- Advise and provide general governance and support for the Plan Implementation Workgroup

I would like to personally invite you to be member of the Action Alliance. Your expertise in suicide and vulnerable communities will greatly help us drive suicide prevention policy change in our state.

The Action Alliance will have its first meeting on September 13, 1:30-3:30pm. The meeting venue will be announced next week, and an agenda and other materials will follow. Working meetings will typically be held at the Department of Health in Tumwater, WA; however, all meetings will have teleconference options and are not expected to extend beyond two hours.

Know that your skills will be highly valued and your time respected. We appreciate your consideration of this important opportunity to reduce violence in Washington.

Please accept or decline this invitation by September 6 and RSVP for the meeting by contacting Neetha Mony at the Department of Health at neetha.mony@doh.wa.gov or 360-236-2838. Thank you for your support and assistance in this important public health project.

Sincerely,



for

John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH
Secretary of Health