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Keith Grellner, Chair
Washington State Board of Health
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Dear Chair Grellner:

I am writing to recuse myself from the Washington State Board of Health (Board) proceedings involving complaints against Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) Public Health Administrator Amelia Clark.

The complaints the Board is investigating are centered on the termination of former SRHD Health Officer, Dr. Bob Lutz. Following his termination from SRHD, Dr. Lutz became, and continues to be, a Washington State Department of Health employee.

Given my involvement in the proceedings could potentially present a conflict of interest—whether perceived or real—it is in the best interest of the proceedings for me to recuse myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Umair A. Shah".

Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH
Secretary of Health

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