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## Letters of Support



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Director Leavitt,

We are thankful for the presentation to our Board and staff members at ICAS' regular Board meeting on April 12, 2012, on the upcoming Baseline Community Health Analysis Report. We recognize the importance of developing a community health assessment for all North Slope communities so that we may better understand and address the important health issues our communities are facing.

It is our hope that the information contained within the report will generate positive outcomes, including raising awareness among community residents, and serving as a foundation for monitoring changes in health trends over time. We especially are grateful for the village-level information that will be available in the report, as we believe this will be valuable for our communities. It will assist our communities in prioritizing health issues so that action plans can be developed to address both positive and negative health trends. It will also be useful in securing grant funding for health-focused programs and prevention efforts, and evaluating changes in health trends over time.

On behalf of the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope Board, it is our pleasure to write this letter of support in publishing the upcoming Baseline Community Health Analysis Report, including village-level information, which will be made available to the public once it is published. We believe the information contained within this report will serve our communities well, and will be an important resource for our communities in developing focused health efforts to address health trends.

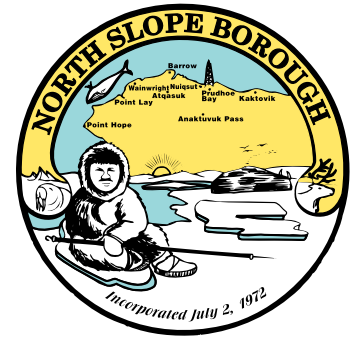
Sincerely,

  
George Edwardson, President  
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May 18, 2012

Re: Baseline Community Health Analysis Report

Director Leavitt,

We, the North Slope Borough Health Advisory Board, are enthusiastically writing this letter of support for the *Baseline Community Health Analysis Report* and within it, the publication of health data specific to our North Slope communities. As a Board that represents every North Slope community, we understand the many health issues that our communities experience, and know that this report will be an invaluable resource in addressing those issues that result in positive outcomes.

The report will be valuable and beneficial to all North Slope communities, for use in grant applications for health-focused programs and prevention efforts, in creating action plans for healthier communities, and monitoring health trends over time. It will also serve as a foundation for health impact assessments, will assist health professionals and organizations in assessing health priorities, and be used as a reference for resources, data, and village-level health information.

We believe this report to be a tool for not only health-focused organizations but for the individual, for the community, and for our region. We can change negative health outcomes by educating ourselves on current health trends within our communities, and utilizing resources for the specific purpose of becoming a healthier individual, a healthier community, and a healthier region.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Roberta J. Leavitt'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.

Roberta Leavitt, Chairperson  
NSB Health Advisory Board





