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Dear Dr. Richardson:

On behalf of Secretary Sebelius, thank you for your letter requesting funding for the One Health study proposed in 2008 by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council.

In early 2009, a One Health Office (OHO) was created at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in recognition of the need to promote both domestic and global collaboration between human and veterinary medicine, while engaging the principles of public health and ecosystem health. OHO builds partnerships and promotes trust-based relationships among multiple sectors and disciplines, internal and external to CDC, to more precisely address this convergence of efforts to improve human and animal health.

CDC has positioned experienced veterinarians with strong epidemiology and human public health skills in strategic international locations to work specifically on issues related to the interface between human and animal health. CDC also participates with state and federal agencies in an ongoing effort to identify gaps and to document the extent of existing support of One Health activities. For example, OHO convenes monthly live meetings/conference calls for state and local public health practitioners and maintains a regularly-updated website at www.cdc.gov/onehealth.

Thank you, again, for your continued interest in furthering opportunities to integrate human medicine, veterinary medicine, and environmental science.

Sincerely,

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