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Dear Mr. Lehmkuhler,

Subject: La Porte Hospital CAM Smoking Cessation Pilot Partnership Grant Application

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me last week about the ITPC Executive Board request for grant applications for Statewide, Regional, and Pilot Partnerships. Enclosed please find the La Porte Hospital grant application for our CAM Smoking Cessation Program.

La Porte Hospital and Health Services shares ITPC's goal to reduce smoking. Our Program is innovative and collaborative in its endeavor. The two-year project reflects the need in our community to establish a smoking cessation program, which offers lifestyle change options necessary to reduce smoking.

In this effort, the Program provides smoking cessation resources for 300 participants, through our Wellness Resource Center. The development of 2 extension sites over the two-year course will target populations in the Hispanic community in our area, as well as students, faculty, and employees at Purdue University, North Central Campus.

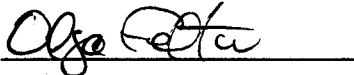
Observing the effects of Program options on the smoking rate of participants will provide useful and important information on the various approaches used in cessation programs.

The two-year combined budget of \$259,777 will reduce disparities among groups by making resources available at no cost to committed participants, strengthen collaboration among existing anti-smoking campaign efforts in our community, and statistically evaluate Program effectiveness.

The Program Committee is able and willing to participate and support ITPC's sponsored evaluation and research projects, and wishes to thank you, and the Review Board, in advance for considering our proposal. We look forward to hearing from you, and to providing this needed service to our community.

Thank you,

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Program Director



Enclosure (1)

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