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Center for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road
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Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Association, please accept this formal letter in support of the application being submitted by the Florida Department of Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Section, for the 2016 Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality Grant.

The Florida Sheriffs Association will work with the FDOH to further statewide injury prevention initiatives related to preventing opioid-involved morbidity and mortality. Law enforcement agencies are recognized as key stakeholders needing to work with the FDOH to provide data on overdose rates and risk factors needed to effectively respond to opioid-involved drug overdoses because overdose rate vary across counties, and risk factors vary across communities.

The State Injury and Violence Prevention Program at FDOH is prepared to support programmatic elements and community collaboration necessary to ensure the requirements of the grant are met, and we support FDOH's application to receive these funds.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Sadie Darnell
President, Florida Sheriffs Association