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Mrs. Celeste Garcia,

I am writing to document my support of, and commitment to partner with for the five year term of the grant, BCFS Health and Human Services (BCFS HHS) if the organization is awarded the grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS or Department) Office of Minority Health (OMH) called "Re-Entry Community Linkages." This grant is a much-needed opportunity to bring comprehensive services and healthcare connections to the vulnerable population of young adults re-entering their communities after incarceration.

The Hidalgo County Judge's Office is committed to serving the people of Hidalgo County, working in partnership with our communities, and achieving prosperity. We believe in excellent public service. We are responsive to our residents' ever-changing needs, creative about our approach to finding solutions, and open-minded about all ideas.

As BCFS HHS has served the vulnerable populations of juvenile offenders, minorities of low socioeconomic status, and at-risk young adults since 2012 in Hidalgo County, we commend their work in our community and endorse the organization's subject matter expertise for further expansion with the RE-LINK program.

To ensure the program is successful in reducing recidivism, reducing health disparities, and increasing access to public health services, I offer my full commitment to the program during its project period, and will strongly encourage other city and county offices to promote the program to offenders through city/county channels including Adult Probation. I am confident that this comprehensive support network established by BCFS HHS in this program will be life-changing for people in our community - so I am committed to working with BCFS HHS to encourage participation and completion of program milestones for offenders.

You are welcome to contact me for additional information regarding my intentions related to the Re-Entry Community Linkages program.

Regards,

Hidalgo County Judge, Ramon Garcia