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The Honorable Mike McGinn  
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Dear Mayor McGinn:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed update to the 1996 Public Health Interlocal Agreement between King County and the City of Seattle. I agree that it is time to review and update this document.

Seattle and King County have a long history of collaborative work on public health issues. Together, the residents of King County and Seattle have benefitted from a shared vision toward the development and implementation of health initiatives that reduce health disparities and increase the number of healthy years lived by our residents. We have collaborated on projects benefitting our vulnerable populations in times of need and we've worked together on innovative strategies to help provide short and long term support to our homeless residents.

Moving forward, we will convene a King County team to review the objectives, principles, and proposed changes from the City. This team will consist of David Fleming, Public Health – Seattle/King County Director; Kathie Huus, Public Health – Seattle/King County Chief of Staff; Carrie Cihak, my Director of Strategic Initiatives; and Alan Painter, my Human Services, Health & Housing Policy Advisor. Staff from Public Health will contact Mr. DeGriebek to begin discussions. I look forward to our exchange about further ways to improve the Public Health Interlocal Agreement and to strengthen the capacity of Public Health throughout our region.

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I want to thank the City of Seattle for its many contributions to a vibrant public health presence in our community. I look forward to working with you in continuing a strong regional public health department for Seattle and King County.

Sincerely,



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