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Dear Dr. Degutis

The Connecticut Association of Public Health Nurses (CAPHN) is pleased to support the Yale School of Public Health's proposal to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for grant funding as a Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center (PERLC).

Since 2002 CAPHN has participated in YSPH initiatives in public health workforce development in the New England region, including the Connecticut Partnership for Public Health Workforce Development. During this time, Yale led a project to develop emergency preparedness competencies for Registered Nurses and created and delivered two courses: a core course in emergency preparedness for practicing public health nurses and nursing faculty, and a self-study course, *Applied Epidemiology for Public Health Nurses*.

We look forward to continuing our work with YSPH to develop comprehensive education and training programs that meet the needs of the public health nursing community. Specifically, CAPHN will participate in PERLC advisory committees and curriculum development workgroups; assist with the marketing of programs to our members and link YCPHP with the schools of nursing and nursing subject matter experts in disaster preparedness and response. Also, we also will work with the Center to continuously assess the training needs of our members.

CAPHN recognizes the establishment and maintenance of quality public health services in Connecticut as an essential activity. Addressing the training needs of the present and future public health nursing workforce is critical to this goal.

Sincerely,

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President