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Dear Dr. Capurro:

I am submitting my curriculum vitae (CV) for consideration for a position on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH). I have a 30 year career in academics and oral health promotion at the community level and would very much like to support the work of AC4OH and the Oral Health Program. I will represent support from the academic community and from the SDM as a community partner in oral health.

Let me share a bit about my background. I am board certified dentist in the specialty of dental public health and have a PhD in epidemiology. I am an academic who taught dental students and graduate students for 29 years at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio before relocating to Las Vegas and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine. For 13 years, I directed a dental public health residency program in San Antonio. I have a career in service, including serving as President of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). I held numerous positions in AAPHD as well as other national organizations, including APHA Oral Health Section, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and the American Association for Dental Research (AADR). I served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Oral Health Coalition and was a founding member of the San Antonio Oral Health Coalition..

I am committed to improving the health of the public and I feel that my background and expertise can be utilized by AC4OH to assist the work of reducing oral health barriers in Nevada. While in Texas, in partnership with the Coalition, I assisted with developing a state oral health plan, assisted with developing a plan for statewide surveillance, and served on the planning committee for the annual summit. While new to the State of Nevada, I am strongly committed to promoting the state oral health program here.

Most state oral health programs across the nation face similar challenges, many of them related to improving access to care, increasing access to preventive dental services, sustainability of the oral health program, and supporting mechanisms to finance oral health care for groups in society. While each state is unique, I feel that my experience and expertise can be a valuable resource for this committee. I am eager to 'roll up my sleeves' and assist AC4OH with the important work that this committee does for the oral health of people living in the State of Nevada. I am available if you have any questions. Thank you for considering my application for AC4OH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Cappelli". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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