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Agnieszka Rykaczewska, PhD.  
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1215 O Street, 11th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Letter of Support for Dr. Catherine Hess**

Dear Dr. Rykaczewska,

This letter conveys my support for the nomination of Dr. Catherine Hess, research scientist supervisor at the California Department of Public Health, to serve as Chair of the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.

Please contact me at [ashley.mills@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:ashley.mills@cdph.ca.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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