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Dear Mr. Lynch:

This letter is in response to your questions concerning the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Application For An Agreement State. MDH would like to formally acknowledge that the FTE for the new hire is not needed for staffing assignments. During a conference call early in the final application process, I informed Paul Lohaus and Cardelia Maupin that MDH has sufficient FTEs to address licensing and inspection needs but that I had opted to hire and train an additional staff person to protect the program against any unforeseen loss of trained staff.

As you are aware, Craig Verke spent a week with the senior licensing staff in Region III. Craig has indicated that the opportunity was perhaps the best training experience he has had in preparation for becoming an Agreement State. Please convey my thanks to the appropriate personnel for their efforts.

Finally, as I mentioned previously, MDH will schedule additional staff for license training after the Department is assured that the Agreement State Application is progressing through the approval process.

Sincerely,

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