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## Dear DEHSP:

I am writing concerning the recent outbreak of severe illness linked to specific chocolate products containing mushroom edible products. This outbreak includes Nevada and extends to multiple adjacent and non-adjacent states and territories, necessitating a coordinated investigation across multiple states and jurisdictions. It also demands specialized assistance and resources for an adequate response. We seek technical support for case investigation tools and processes relevant to our cases and advocate for multistate coordination efforts by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

A coordinated multi-state investigation into this outbreak will enable each state, local, and territorial jurisdiction to make swift and effective decisions to prevent and control the public health issue. This unified approach will reduce the burden on each jurisdiction of developing specialized investigation tools and will ensure comparable measures between jurisdictions despite the small number of cases in each.

As is typical with most multi-jurisdiction responses, we will maintain ownership of and responsibility for all data collected within our jurisdiction, and agree to share the findings of our investigation with CDC.

Sincerely,



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