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Dear Ms. Schroeder:

Fort Bend County's Health and Human Services intends to apply for grant funding to support project activities towards influenza prevention education among youth with swine exposure at agricultural fairs. Clinical Health Services at Fort Bend County is committed to preventing, controlling and eliminating communicable diseases among residents. Since the highest pediatric mortality in Texas occurred in children between the ages 15 – 17 years and infants under 1 year of age (2007 – 2014), the grant will be essential in supporting our commitment to preventing and eliminating influenza especially among our most vulnerable populations.

With a population of 685, 345, Fort Bend county has seen a population growth of 65.79% since the year 2000 spanning over 27 cities. This explosion in population growth over a relatively short time demands funding for public health prevention and control activities. The health and human services department at Fort bend County actively and routinely conducts Influenza education and prevention activities including collaborations with school districts in Fort Bend, publicity on the importance of vaccinations, influenza vaccinations and the provision of guidelines on the prevention of Influenza in our communities. If approved for funding with a grant from CSTE/CDC, we will provide education on influenza and other zoonotic diseases to Youth in Agricultural organizations within Fort Bend County and possibly within neighboring rural counties that do not have health departments.

We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to submitting our application.
Sincerely,

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