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Dear Dr. Browne:

It is an honor to write a letter of recommendation for William C. ("Bill") Jenkins, Ph.D., M.S.P.H. I first met Dr. Jenkins in about 1978 when we were students in the epidemiology doctoral program here at UNC. We served together on the American College of Epidemiology's Committee on Minority Affairs for many years and have had a close association since the early 1990s.

During his many years at the CDC, Dr. Jenkins played a key role in improving the CDC's response to the HIV epidemic and in gaining recognition for health disparities as a national priority. He was a crucial enabler of public health programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and of the Annual Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health. At the time of his retirement from CDC he directed the Participants Health Benefits Program helping to bring a measure of social justice to the victims of one of the more egregious chapters in the history of American public health, the Tuskegee syphilis study.

Dr. Jenkins has long been a visionary and an extremely effective advocate for increasing diversity in the public health professions and epidemiology in particular. He has created numerous programs, such as the Public Health Sciences Institute at Morehouse College and Project IMHOTEP at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Over the more than 20 years that these programs have functioned they have served as a stepping stone for large numbers of African American and other students from underrepresented minority groups to learn about epidemiology and public health, learn the basics of epidemiology and biostatistics, meet public health professionals who are potential role models, and gain experience in public health research.

I congratulate you on recruiting Dr. Jenkins.

Best regards,

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