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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Mallory Sattler and I manage the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Grant at the North Dakota Department of Health. The RPE grant's focus is the primary prevention of sexual violence using the public health approach. It seeks to prevent first time perpetration and victimization by reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors associated with sexual violence.

A website, the North Dakota Department of Health Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Toolkit was created because local agencies were looking for prevention resources and ways to teach others in their community about primary prevention. Several webinars were hosted to showcase the toolkit and garner interest for the group.

RPE funds two domestic violence/rape crisis agencies to implement primary prevention strategies in their communities, but the Department of Health realizes there is much more prevention work being done in ND. The Department of Health seeks to connect those doing primary prevention around the state to do the following:

- Share prevention strategies, activities and resources,
- Discuss potential collaboration and,
- Leverage resources

The plan is to meet quarterly in person or through a web-based meeting room. The first meeting will occur in April 2016. The exact date and location will be determined once members are identified. If you are interested in participating in this group, please email me at mlsattler@nd.gov or call 701-328-4536.

I hope you consider this exciting opportunity if you are currently doing sexual violence or intimate partner violence prevention work and want to see what others in the state are doing.

Thank you for your time.



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