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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers President, New Haven Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510

RE: Order authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to increase the dollar amount for with Worldwide Travel Staffing, Inc. contract by \$1,200,000 for nursing services for the contract period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate with respect thereto.

Dear President Walker-Myers:

In accordance with the Order of New Haven Board of Alders (Board) authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven (City), passed on 17 October 1994, I write to respectfully request the Honorable Board of Alders to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Haven to increase the dollar amount for with Worldwide Travel Staffing, Inc. contract by \$1,200,000 for nursing services for the contract period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and to execute, acknowledge, implement and deliver any and all documents as may be considered necessary or appropriate with respect thereto.

This increase in funding is needed to ensure that there is a full-time nurse assigned to each public and parochial school that is served by the New Haven Health Department. The City currently has 23 public health nurse vacancies. While the City continues to hire qualified nurses for 12-month positions, it is taking longer than anticipated to fill all vacancies. Therefore, the City continues to rely heavily on contracted, temporary nurses to fill gaps.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Maritza Bond, MPH Director of Health