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Edward Hunter
Associate Director, Washington Office
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Mr. Hunter:

I was recently contacted by a constituent, Jeff Borchardt, founder of the organization *Daxton's Friends for Canine Education and Awareness*, which is based out of East Troy, Wisconsin, regarding the interest of his organization and a partnering organization, *DogsBite.Org*, in determining what can be done to encourage the CDC to resume the practice of tracking, quantifying and analyzing dog bite/dog attack data (particularly tracking particular breeds and including fatalities as a result of dog attacks) on an annual basis.

Enclosed you will find information from both Mr. Borchardt and also from Ms. Lynn of *DogsBite.Org*, which outlines their specific concerns and their appeal to the CDC to resume their tracking efforts.

I also personally met with Mr. Borchardt and his colleagues, and I can respect and appreciate their efforts to ensure that accurate tracking data is made available. I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter to determine if anything can be done – consistent with all laws and regulations – to assist Mr. Borchardt and Ms. Lynn by reviewing their request, addressing their comments and concerns, and by giving full and fair consideration to their request that the CDC resume their efforts in collecting and quantifying the requested data.

Please address your response to my Janesville office and reference my file number 510738. My Janesville office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545. Should you have any questions about this request, my District Director, Danyell Tremmel, can be contacted at (608) 752-4050.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

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Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

Enclosures

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