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Kathy Spears, Chair  
Appleton Board of Health  
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Dear Kathy:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) congratulates the Appleton Health Department for demonstrating the infrastructure and program capacity to be certified as a Level III Health Department. I am happy to report the Appleton Health Department provided all services required by statute and rule.

I want to acknowledge the work of the Appleton Health Department staff. Charles E. Sepers, health officer, did an excellent job of providing quality evidence of meeting statutes and rules. I am acutely aware of the stress of operating a health department and that the demands on public health directors and professionals have increased exponentially during this state and global pandemic. I applaud the dedicated efforts of Chuck and the Appleton Health Department staff to keep your jurisdiction healthy and safe.

I also appreciate the support of the Appleton Board of Health for maintaining a strong public health department. Pandemic response has potentially caused you and your jurisdiction to think about public health issues you may have not considered before. I am sure with ongoing support for evidence-based quality public health initiatives by you and your fellow board of health members, the Appleton Health Department will continue to protect and promote the health of the people in your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Tran".

Paula Tran  
State Health Officer and Administrator

c: Charles E. Sepers, Health Officer  
Mayor Jake Woodford  
Chris Culotta, Northeast Region Director