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Linda Pittz, Chair
Iowa County Board of Health
308 N. Main Street
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Dear Linda:

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

I want to acknowledge the work of the Iowa County Health Department staff. Debbie Siegenthaler, 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 Debbie and the Iowa County Health Department staff to keep your jurisdiction healthy and safe.

I also appreciate the support of the Iowa County 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 Iowa County 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", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Paula Tran
State Health Officer and Administrator

c: Debbie Siegenthaler, Health Officer
Christina Beach-Baumgartner, Southern Regional Office Director