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Friends, Colleagues, Community Partners,

I am writing to you on behalf of Public Health in Muskingum County. One of the lessons I've learned in my 3 years as your Health Commissioner is that it is difficult to summarize what "*Public Health*" is and does. Enclosed is some information to help you gain a better understanding of the importance of Public Health in our community. Once you have had a chance to review it I'm confident you will agree with me that good Public Health in Muskingum County is foundational to our ability to succeed as a community. Whether you are in government, education, business, health care, or industry, Public Health touches your life and benefits you, your family, friends, customers, and neighbors.

When I speak to groups about Public Health, I like to say that it is one of those things many of us take for granted but would definitely notice if it were gone. Fortunately, in Muskingum County, because of generous community support and excellent employees at ZMCHD, you can feel confident that we are always working for you in the interest of good public health in Muskingum County.

In order for us to serve you, we need a stable source of funding. At the end of 2008, our current 0.5 mill levy will expire. This levy has been an important source of local funds since 1998. The dollars are used to provide you with the public health services and activities outlined on the enclosed information sheet. We will have a 0.5 mill replacement levy on the March 4 primary ballot and I am asking for your support to continue our funding. I know that there are many competing needs for limited dollars available in our community, so I would like to assure you that we have been and will always be extremely prudent with the funds we receive. But I also ask you to imagine for a moment our community without good public health services. Unfortunately, we can't do what we do without your financial support.

Please review the enclosed information and fill out the form telling us how you're able to help us continue to serve Zanesville and Muskingum County. If you have any questions or need more information to help you give us your YES vote on March 4 please give me a call or drop me a note at coreyh@zmchd.org

Thank you in advance for your support!

Corey Y. Hamilton
Health Commissioner

Enclosure