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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

This is just a short note to express my appreciation for the hospitality that you and your staff showed to me during my brief visit on Friday, January 31.

As I expressed to you before I left, I was exceedingly impressed with the breadth of the approaches being used in the MHHP and with the enthusiasm of the staff. The underlying philosophy of community behavior change as the way to most efficiently and effectively bring about large reductions in the prevalence of cardiovascular disease is one that is very much in keeping with the orientation here at CDC.

The very high quality of your overall project and the thoroughness with which you are documenting the process, as well as the outcomes, should assure not only the acceptance of the findings but also the extension of the methods to other communities. It is in this latter area that I am hopeful that CDC can work with and learn from the MHHP.

I am very pleased that Pat Remington is having the opportunity to become familiar with the project and some of the key people involved with it. This will very much assist us in identifying ways that we might work together.

Again thank you very much for the kindness shown to me. The effort put forward by your staff assured that even such a short visit would be very valuable.

Sincerely yours,

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