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The Honorable Greg Fischer,
Mayor, Metro Louisville
Metro Hall / 4th Floor
527 W. Jefferson St.
Louisville, KY 40202

The Honorable William M. Altman, JD
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness
400 East Gray St.
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Sirs,

I recently expressed concern about the dual employment of our new Director for Public Health, Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, MD. She is an excellent choice. However, in my opinion the Board's choice to make her responsible to two very different employers is not good public policy and compromises the stated goals of the Department and the Board. I outline my concerns in the attached commentary that I recently presented in the Health Policy Blog of the Institute.

I ask the Metro Government and the Board of Directors to reconsider the employment structure they have arranged.

Respectfully,

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