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Dr. Chaumont Menéndez,

I fully support your project "Evaluating an intervention designed to reduce fatigue among taxi drivers." Sleepiness and fatigue in occupational drivers is a serious concern and any intervention to reduce this in professional drivers would be of great benefit not only to these individuals but to public safety as well. I look forward to collaborating with you on this project.

I am board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine, and sleep medicine. I currently serve as Interim Chief of the Section of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. I am also medical director of the West Virginia University Sleep Evaluation Center and provide extensive clinical care to a number of patients with sleep disorders. I am very comfortable with the evaluation and treatment of patients with fatigue and excessive sleepiness. My expertise in sleep medicine enabled me to become familiar with use of tools to evaluate sleepiness and fatigue.

My research has involved evaluating outcomes in obstructive sleep apnea in specific populations including diabetes and congestive heart failure. I have published reviews on obstructive sleep apnea and have previously completed research involving drowsy driving in high school students. I have also successfully collaborated with NIOSH in the past on projects evaluating respiratory physiology.

My extensive training, clinical practice and research have helped me realize the serious issue of sleepiness and drowsiness in the general driving population and professional drivers as well. I fully support this project and look forward to lending my expertise in sleep medicine to the study. Thank you for including me in this important research area and I am glad to participate.

Sincerely,

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