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Dr. Donene Rowe, Chair  
City of Watertown Board of Health  
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Dear Dr. Rowe:

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

I want to acknowledge the work of the Watertown Department of Public Health staff. Carol Quest, 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 Carol and the Watertown Department of Public Health staff to keep your jurisdiction healthy and safe.

I also appreciate the support of the City of Watertown 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 Watertown Department of Public Health 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'.

Paula Tran  
State Health Officer and Administrator

c: Carol Quest, Health Officer  
Mayor Emily McFarland  
Joe Larson, Southern Region Director