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Dear Workshop Attendees:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Pathways to Prevention Workshop: Total Worker Health<sup>®</sup>—What's Work Got to Do With It? The Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) is pleased to cosponsor this event with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). I would like to thank Dr. Gary Gibbons, Director of the NHLBI, and Dr. John Howard, Director of the NIOSH for their leadership in this endeavor. The goal of the Pathways to Prevention program is to host workshops that identify research gaps in a selected scientific area, identify methodological and scientific weaknesses in that scientific area, suggest research needs, and move the field forward through an unbiased, evidence-based assessment.

The ODP provides leadership for the development, coordination, and implementation of activities across the NIH and with other public and private partners to increase the scope, support, public health impact, and dissemination of health promotion and disease prevention research. This workshop is just one example of how the ODP promotes methodologically sound research to reduce the incidence of disease and increase healthy years of life. The workshop is designed to be interactive, so we encourage you to share your insights during audience discussion sessions about:

- What studies exist assessing integrated interventions?
- What are the known benefits and harms of integrated interventions?
- What are the characteristics of effective integrated/combined interventions and programs?
- What factors influence the effectiveness of integrated interventions?
- What are the key evidence gaps?

We will also be accepting public comments on the panel's draft report, which will be posted on the ODP website.

It is an exciting time for the ODP as we are well underway with the implementation of our first Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2014–2018. The plan was developed with input from a variety of stakeholders, and includes activities to strengthen existing programs and develop new initiatives to advance the prevention research agenda at the NIH and improve public health. The ODP Strategic Plan is available for download on the ODP website.

On behalf of the NIH and the ODP, thank you in advance for your contributions. We look forward to an informative and engaging workshop.

Sincerely,

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