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JOSHUA KARLINER
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Dear Mr. Karliner,

Thank you for the invitation to join the Mercury-Free Health Care Partnership, co-led by World Health Organization and Health Care Without Harm.

We understand that this global partnership aims to achieve virtual elimination of mercury-based thermometers and sphygmomanometers over the next decade and their substitution with accurate, economically viable alternatives.

We also understand that this initiative is a component of the UN Environment Programme's Mercury Products Partnership, which is led us by the US Environment Protection Agency. As such, this health care initiative is contributing to a broader effort to promote environmental health by reducing the amount of mercury emitted into the global environment.

Our institution, **PHILIPPINE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC. (PPHA)** has been involved in helping upgrade the standard and delivery of public health services in the Philippines since 1932.

I write you today to accept your invitation and express our willingness to join the Partnership.

As part of the Mercury-Free Health Care Partnership we will continue our efforts by way of advocacy.

We look forward to collaborating with you in this most important effort.


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