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W. Gene Phillips, Chief, Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection
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Dear Gene,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, I am writing to submit the following individuals for consideration for appointment to the Sanitarian Advisory Board, formed by the passage of House Bill 49, the biennial budget bill. We would like to propose the appointment of two health commissioners who had been serving on the Board of Sanitarian Registration before it was eliminated by House Bill 49.

James Adams – Canton City Health Commissioner
Charles Patterson – Clark County Health Commissioner

Both Jim and Charlies are Registered Sanitarians in good standing with the previous board, and 25-30 years of field and administrative experience in Environmental Health, and bring the overall local health department perspective to the issues related to registration and ongoing education of registered sanitarians in the field today.

James Adams, RS, MPH

Jim Adams started his public health career in 1977 at the ODH Northeast District Office in the Bureau of Environmental Health. He has also worked at the Lorain County Health District before moving to the Canton City Health District in 1985 as the Director of Environmental Health. In 2008 he was appointed Health Commissioner. He graduated from Cleveland State University in 1977 with a degree in Environmental Health and obtained a MPH in Environmental Health and Epidemiology in 1985 from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Charles Patterson, RS, MBA

Charlie Patterson has been Health Commissioner in Clark County for over ten years with over 25 years of experience at state and local health departments. He holds a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. He also has 10 years of experience on the AOHC Board with previous experience at the Board and as President of OEHA.

We thank you for this opportunity to submit recommendations for appointment to this new advisory committee at the Ohio Department of Health. Please contact us if more information is needed.

Sincerely,

Beth Bickford, Executive Director