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Environmental Health Foundation of Canada  
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Dear EHFC Awards Review Panel:

**Re: Nomination of Jacqueline Schnider for the Lilli Ann Zahara Public Health Education Award**

I would like to nominate Jacqueline Schnider in recognition of her dedication and exemplary commitment and contributions to the environmental public health profession during her career especially for her commitment to public health education. Jacqueline is a BCIT graduate and received her public health inspection certificate in 1987. During her career Jacqueline earned an Adult Education Diploma from Mount Royal College.

Jacqueline started the profession in Northern Alberta where she encountered many challenges during her twelve years as a public health inspector where she honed her disaster response management skills, and learned the power of group that supported one another during disasters. She would often recommend to students looking for a field practicum placement to consider a rural environment as you have experiences you never see in the big city.

When Jacqueline showed an interest in public health education, a colleague suggested the benefits of joining Toastmasters. She felt that her CIPHI Branch service and her career move to Calgary to join the Calgary Health Services as a health educator was helped by the meeting leadership, parliamentary procedure, and public speaking skills she learned in Toastmasters. It wasn't long after that she was soon asked to be a Toastmaster leader at the regional level and then provincial level. She has served every club and district leadership role (AB & SK) and was elected to the International Board of Directors and has served on the world stage as an International Chair of a global organization of 333,000 speakers worldwide.

When Jacqueline joined Calgary Health Services, she was one of ten health educators as there was much demand for food safety education courses. The province also brought in regulation that impacted the swimming pool legislation which required trained pool operators. The health educators became responsible for delivering the certified swimming pool operator course. Her work for the past several years involved the delivery of public health education, safety training, and best practices in the classroom setting and on job sites to Calgarians in partnership to protect themselves and the health of the public. Also, during her years in Calgary, Jacqueline also presented at CIPHI National Annual Education Conferences and conducted over 100 media interviews including a local television series on public health prevention.

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Jacqueline always felt fortunate to have had her first boss encourage membership and participation in CIPHI. As a career long CIPHI member she felt it provided her with the opportunity to meet so many colleagues and presented her opportunities because of that membership. She always encouraged PHIs to become members in our professional organization, something that she would tell you 35 years later it was worth it.

Jacqueline has supported our profession not just as member but by volunteering her time as a member of CIPHI's Charitable Division, the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2019 and served as Board Secretary for four years; was a member of the editorial board of the CIPHI Alberta Branch newsletter twice; and served as Branch secretary on three different occasions. She also served on the Alberta Public Health Association first as a director, and then as the association secretary. She was also a member of NEHA during her career including attending a few of their conferences.

Respectfully Submitted,

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