



Honourable Mr. Juanma Moreno
Presidente de la Junta de Andalucía

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RE: REQUEST TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSED PLAN TO CLOSE THE ANDALUSIAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Honourable Mr Moreno,

I am writing on behalf of the European Public Health Association, joining our voice to the World Federation of Public Health Association, to ask you to reconsider your position on the bill proposing the dilution of the Andalusian School of Public Health into the future Institute of Health of Andalusia, that will be oriented towards clinical research.

As our esteemed colleagues at SESPAS and the WFPHA, we worry that taking such a measure at such a critical time would weaken short- and long-term public health capacities, being taught at the Andalusian School of Public Health (ASPH). The ASPH has an excellent reputation of training and transfer of knowledge in public health, leading to highly needed public health leadership. Public health goes well beyond clinical care, and public health professionals' training needs to be kept separated from the medical one.

We join SESPAS and the WFPHA in recognizing the prestige of the ASPH, and its value within the European and International community and hope you will reconsider the plans to close the ASPH. We remain available should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc Mr. Jesús Aguirre Muñoz-Regional Ministry of Health and Family, Mr. José María de Torres Medina-Directorate of Public Health and Pharmaceutical Planning