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Dear Mr. Levine and Mr. Hove:

I received your request to delay a decision on the application for cooperative agreement to allow for additional time to review the record. In accordance with 12 VAC 5-221-90(B), I approve your request. I will render a decision on the application no later than June 15, 2017, provided that the Tennessee application has been deemed complete again by March 1, 2017, and that all information I deem necessary to my decision has been received. If the Tennessee application is not deemed complete by March 1, 2017, the applicants shall confer with me regarding a further extension to ensure that the review period for the Virginia application is aligned with that of the Tennessee application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marissa J. Levine MD MPH".

Marissa J. Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP  
State Health Commissioner