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## **Commendation of Jamie Sullivan, MPH**

*The Board of Directors of the US COPD Coalition has issued the following statement in appreciation of the dedication and commitment to the COPD community shown by Jamie Sullivan, MPH.*

**[June 26, 2020]** - The Board of Directors of the US COPD Coalition extends our greatest appreciation and thanks to Jamie Lamson Sullivan, MPH, for more than 10 years of service to the COPD community, a portion of which was spent assisting the US COPD Coalition.

Jamie joined the COPD Foundation in January 2010, working for John Walsh (the ORIGINAL impatent patient). Prior to taking that position, she had worked for the Alpha-1 Foundation while in graduate school. Jamie has helped increase the national and international awareness of COPD.

In her various roles, Jamie has gotten to know the patient community, providers, and caregivers, both nationally and internationally. She has assisted in grant writing, assists patients in research, and has long been a liaison between the US COPD Coalition and the COPD Foundation. She has also served as an effective liaison with other organizations concerned with lung health, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health, American Thoracic Society, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, American Association of Respiratory Care, and many others.

Jamie was instrumental in working with the COPD Biomarkers Qualification Consortium, which is a model of how industry can collaborate with one another, with academic researchers, government agencies, and patients to help advance COPD drug discovery, helping unite these diverse and overlapping interests. Jamie also played a major role in helping ensure the creation of the COPD National Action Plan in 2016, which was one of John Walsh's dearest dreams. Jamie participated in 2019 at the conference to review progress of the action plan.

Jamie has been an important voice for the COPD community, helping patients, researchers, clinicians, caregivers, and industry share their stories. These diverse viewpoints have helped to better meet the needs of the COPD Community.

The US COPD Coalition has been an honored and privileged to work with Jamie over the last decade. We wish Jamie the best in her new endeavors, and hope that we can continue to work with her as members of the health care community, as we continue to pursue the Coalition's mission.