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Mr. Gregory Snyder

Dear Mr. Snyder,

I'm writing to once again thank you for your participation in our research project on genetic factors in stuttering. The blood sample we obtained from you at the National Stuttering Association meeting in Atlanta has been an important help in our research.

We've obtained some interesting findings I'd like to tell you about, and I'd like to ask if you'd be willing to participate in some additional research studies. We've identified variants in several related genes that we believe contribute to stuttering. You're one of the people with such a variant, and our current goal is to better understand how this can be related to stuttering.

To accomplish this, we'd like to invite individuals to come to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center, at our expense, for a more detailed medical examination. We have no reason to believe you or any of our research participants have any medical condition or disorder. But, given our recent findings, we wish to have careful examinations done by a team of specialists, to make sure we're not missing any subtle symptoms that could benefit from medical attention. Such examinations would not involve any invasive procedures (other than another blood draw), and could be accomplished in less than a day.

I'd like to call you within the next few days to help provide details and more information, but in the meantime, please feel free to call or e-mail me at your convenience. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,