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Dear Dr. Hendler:

I wanted to write this letter to follow-up our telephone deposition of July 15, 1992. I have been a trial lawyer and in the Virginia Legislature for over 20 years. I serve on the House Courts of Justice Committee which handles all legislation dealing with civil and criminal law in the Commonwealth and currently serve as House Majority Leader of the Virginia General Assembly. During that period of time in the practice of law and in the Virginia Legislature, particularly during my service on the Court's Committee, I have had an opportunity to hear many, many expert witnesses in all fields but, in particular, the field of medicine. I want to tell you that the deposition you did for me on July 15, 1992, was the best effort that I have heard from an expert in the 20 years that I have been involved as a trial practitioner and legislator.

Given that as a plus, the most important thing I wanted to say in this letter is what an exceptional practitioner you are. Your commitment to diagnosing and treating problems of your patients is to be commended. I can think of at least five persons that we represent that have been referred to you being diagnosed as having only psychosomatic problems. Your tenacious efforts and relentless diagnostic testing using 3D CT's, MRI's, nerve root conduction studies, etc., has resulted in finding the physical components causing the unrelenting and constant pain that these unfortunate individuals were suffering. I think of all the injured persons that we've worked with who have had chronic and unrelenting pain only to be told constantly by their physicians that it was all in their head. I wish I could go back and send all those people to you for your evaluation, diagnosis and treatment. Certainly I can say that the Mensana Clinic's compassion and commitment to quality care are the Alpha and Omega to treating chronic pain patients.

Again, thanks for a job well done in the depositions. I look forward to working with you at trial.

Sincerely,



C. Richard Cranwell

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