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Dear Mr. Levine and Mr. Hove:

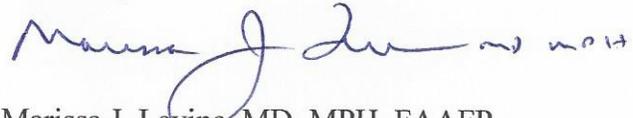
During our meeting on August 8, 2017, I informed you that my advisors have expressed concern regarding whether the advantages likely to result from the proposed cooperative agreement outweigh the disadvantages likely to result from a reduction in competition, and I identified the gaps my advisors have found in the commitments made by you in your Application that cause their concern. I asked how much time you would need to respond to the gaps I identified and you stated that you would respond within a week. When I did not receive a response within a week, my attorney contacted your attorneys on August 18th and was informed on August 21st that you were working on a response. During a subsequent call with your attorneys on August 25th, my attorney was informed that I would be receiving your response by August 30th. To date, a response has not been received.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-5384.1(F)(2) and 12 VAC 5-221-70(A), I am now formally requesting that you address the gaps I identified during our August 8th meeting, as reflected in the meeting summary, and provide revised commitments. Due to the delay in providing such a response, I also expect that you will request and agree to an extension of the date by which my decision is due in order to allow my advisors and me sufficient time to effectively evaluate the new information you provide. Assuming I receive your response today, I will render a decision on your Application no later than

September 30, 2017. If your response is not received today, we will confer to set a decision date beyond September 30, 2017.

I look forward to receiving your responses. If you have any questions, please direct your attorneys to contact Allyson Tysinger in the Office of the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marissa J. Levine", with a date "9/27/17" written at the end of the signature.

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