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Mr. Ken Toren  
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The Parkinson's Institute  
1170 Morse Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Toren:

This letter confirms that we have finalized a contract with you designating the Parkinson's Institute and the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health (UCLA) as our authorized agents to implement the California Parkinson's Disease Registry Act (Assembly Bill [AB] 2248, Frommer, Chapter 945, Statutes of 2004).

As the State of California's agent, the Parkinson's Institute has agreed to collect, share, and analyze pilot project data collected from specific target regions in Northern California. You will work in coordination with UCLA (which has responsibility for Southern California) in areas that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has designated as disease reporting regions. You will contact and visit health care providers, health care facilities, and pharmacies to obtain confidential information from their records on Parkinson's patients, for calculating rates of this disease in various demographic groups.

This registry effort will not involve contacting the patients. AB 2248 requires health care providers, health care facilities, and pharmacies to cooperate in providing this information, which is for public health purposes and exempt from Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) patient consent or authorization requirements. You have agreed to maintain the collected information with the strictest physical and electronic security to guarantee its confidentiality. We urge you to share this letter and a copy of AB 2248 with the parties who must cooperate with you as our authorized agent in carrying out this important work.

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Thank you for your cooperation and collaboration with CDPH and UCLA. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Paul English at (510) 620-3684.

Sincerely,



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