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Dear Committee Member,

This letter covers three requests:

We were recently approved for funding from the March of Dimes for the exempt study entitled "Integrated Newborn Screening for Genetic and Infectious Causes of Sensorineural Hearing Loss (SNHL)" study number # 0505E69890. Funding will become available on June 1, 2006.

The title of the funded grant application is "Combined Genetic and Cytomegalovirus Screening to Improve Detection in Newborn Hearing Screening Programs". I request to have this protocol added to my IRB approval. Enclosed please find the copy of the proposed research.

Since our original application, additional statistical modeling shows that we need to screen a total of 7000 blood spots to reach statistical significance. Our original proposal requests 5000. We ask permission to screen 2000 additional spots.

Since our original application we asked for two years of study time. We anticipate that our studies will take up to 5 years to complete. We ask permission to extend the study for a total of 5 years.

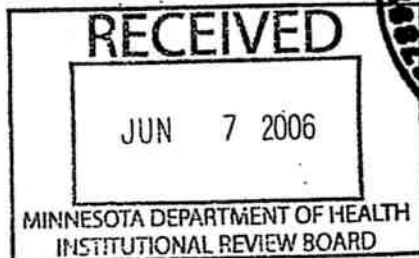
Once the additional approvals are in place, the funded study listed above will be in compliance with the approved protocol.

Please let me know if you need additional information to process these requests.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Schimmenti".

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