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Dear Dr. Pesando:

This is in response to your letters to the Secretary, Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH) regarding the Office for Protection from Research Risks' (OPRR) evaluation of human subjects protection at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC).

After careful examination of the OPRR's findings, I am convinced that the investigation was exhaustive and conducted with objectivity and due consideration for the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research. Although your allegations could not be substantiated, the report does recommend improving the procedures for reporting research outcomes to the FHCRC Institutional Review Board.

I appreciate your concerns about the protection of human subjects and thank you for taking the time to share your views with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Baldwin".

Wendy Baldwin, Ph.D.
Deputy Director for
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