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Reference: BAA 09-01; Improving Military Families' Access to Autism Health Care via Telehealth

Dear Ron,

As you know, we at the University of California, Davis M.I.N.D. Institute are aware of a noteworthy effort by Caring Technologies Inc. to provide an innovative technology solution to improve military families' access to health care for children with behavior disorders, such as autism. It is very difficult to try new medications effectively in children with autism due to traditional patient/doctor communication schedules, availability of necessary collected data while trying new medications, maintaining the motivation to complete the trial, and significant difficulty in developing the habits necessary for a high rate of compliance. All of these issues are additionally impacted by the distance between the patient and the care provider, especially in the case of military families with dependants with autism.

The uniqueness of the military families' access to traditional care is exacerbated by the typical remote location of the service member's family, in many cases well distanced from the care providers, making near real-time health care access challenging. Caring Technologies' proposed project to monitor behavior disorders in the family home, capture instances of specific related behavior by video, and upload this critical information to a HIPPA compliant online health record website for near-time viewing and evaluation by care providers, could provide significant improvement in the current military health care programs for military families.

In support of this proposal, I intend to commit my time and effort as a Clinical Evaluator and Consultant for Caring Technologies in order to assist in patient data collection and evaluation of the success of this proposed effort to meet the military families' health care needs.

Caring Technologies proposal to the Air Force under BAA 09-01 has strong potential to vastly improve the health care for military families with autistic dependants, with additional applications likely for other behavior disorders. This research, validation and development could also be applied to applications outside of the military with significant benefit. I strongly recommend consideration of this proposal and this effort has my full endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Hendren".

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