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Dear Mr. Oberleitner:

Please accept my support, on behalf of the University of California, Davis and my colleagues at the M.I.N.D Institute, Dr. Murat Pakyurek and Dr. Lesley Deprey, for your study “Improving Military Families’ Access to Autism Health Care via Telehealth” proposed by you and your colleagues at Caring Technologies Inc. The University of California, Davis has been working for a number of years to develop strategies for improving mental health service delivery to children with autism spectrum disorders, and we are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with Caring Technologies on this project.

Over the course of this project, I will have overall responsibility for managing the grant and for coordinating, analyzing, and writing up the results. I will also participate as a psychiatrist providing clinical treatment to a number of participants. This grant follows from the previous NIH funded Autism-Telehealth Project at UC Davis, “Enhancing Mental Health Services to Children with Autism in Rural Communities” (R21 MH067363, PI T. Nesbitt) where I provided psychiatric and technological expertise for the “Guidelines for the Use of Technology to Enhance the Care of Children with Autism in Rural Communities” that came out of this grant.

My colleague Dr. Pakyurek is a child psychiatrist of the M.I.N.D Institute, a world-renown research and treatment center for patients with neurological disorders including autism. He will provide clinical services to approximately half the participants, and provide feedback regarding the clinical outcome for the participants. Dr. Deprey, a Psychologist at the M.I.N.D Institute, is also pleased to participate and will provide blinded assessments of the participant’s and their clinical outcome.

We are looking forward to seeing how the “Improving Military Families’ Access to Autism Health Care via Telehealth” project will improve the lives of children with autism spectrum disorders and their families in the United States Military.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Yellowlees".

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