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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our support for the GeneTests Laboratory Directory which is a tremendously useful resource in our practice.

GeneTests and GeneReviews present concise, well-documented, expert-authored reviews of a number of genetic conditions and information regarding available diagnostic testing for these conditions. Both are used by clinicians and laboratory scientists, regularly, as a trusted, up-to-date source of information for genetic conditions. Moreover, the linking of these two resources allows one to efficiently obtain reliable information not only about laboratories offering a specific test, but also about detection rates of those specific tests. This is incredibly useful in clinical practice as it allows making an educated decision about the utility of a given test for a given patient. In a field like genetics, where a limited number of individuals have the knowledge and skills to adequately understand and evaluate ever changing tests, having each new test evaluated by an expert is of tremendous value and greatly contributes to the credibility of the resource.

For those of us in other countries, the addition of international laboratories and laboratories performing research testing is a considerable advantage. This also benefits American patients with conditions for which clinical testing by a CLIA-certified laboratory is simply not available.

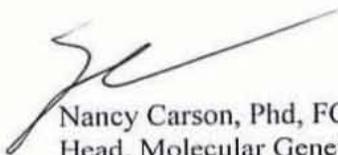
The link between GeneTests and GeneReviews databases and the efficiencies it allows is essential. Providing test information separately in an NIH database, would be a great loss to American patients and physicians and the international genetic community as a whole. We urge you to leave the system unchanged and support its continued existence and expansion.

Sincerely,

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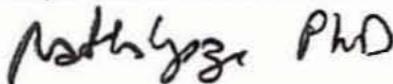
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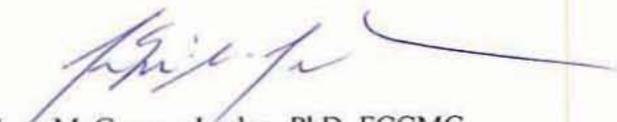
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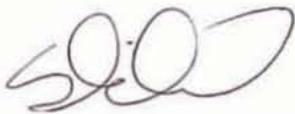
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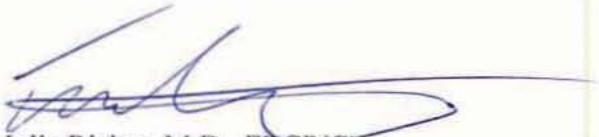
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