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Human Subjects Policy Board

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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to ask you to serve as a member of the Human Subjects Policy Board effective immediately through Fall Quarter, 2007. The Policy Board is the group responsible for developing new and revising existing policy on the protection of human research subjects in research supported or sponsored by the University of Washington.

The work of the Policy Board is of great importance to the research programs of the University. The membership roster is selected with care in order to represent, at least on a rotating basis, the departments that depend on the effectiveness of human research protection policies and the community from which research subjects are selected. You are appointed to serve in the role of a scientist or other human-subjects expert affiliated with the University of Washington.

The primary responsibility of the Policy Board is the development of policies to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects who participate in University research. In addition, the Board serves as a forum for the UW research community to share wisdom on all issues concerning human subjects research. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Board should take all reasonable steps to insure the ethical conduct of research as well as compliance with international, federal, and state laws, regulations, and guidelines.

In compliance with Federal Regulations, no Board member may participate in the review of an appeal of any project in which the member may have a conflicting interest, except to provide information requested by the committee.

The Board will meet approximately three times each year. Ms. Cynthia Wythe, Assistant to the Vice Provost for Research, will be in touch with you concerning the meeting schedule.

On behalf of the research community of the University I want to thank you in advance for your service on this Board. All of us realize that this is a demanding and time-consuming task. More than ever, the great benefits of scientific research to humanity must be carefully balanced with its impact on humans. Your efforts represent a fundamental contribution to the mission of the University of Washington.

Sincerely,

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