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Rabbi Joseph Ekstein
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Dear Rabbi Ekstein:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists (AOJS), I would like to thank you and your associate, Rabbi Jacob Horowitz, for attending our meeting February 19th and updating us on the progress of the Dor Yeshorim program. As you are well aware, the AOJS is quite familiar with your work and is most interested in assisting you in this vital work on behalf of K'lal Yisroel.

This letter will confirm that the Board of Governors of AOJS voted unanimously to strongly and unequivocally endorse the Dor Yeshorim Program. The AOJS Governing Board comprises a cross section of the scientific community including medical specialists, among them psychiatrists, psychotherapists, and social workers who deal closely with problems affecting Jewish families. All the members of the Governing Board present at the February 19th meeting agreed that Tay-Sachs screening should be mandatory for all Jewish young adults. They further unanimously agreed in consonance with the P'sokim of G'Dolei Yisroel that the Tay-Sachs screening should be conducted with complete anonymity as is the policy of Chevra Dor Yeshorim.

Please be advised that because of the strong positive feeling among the members of the Board as to the critical necessity of the Dor Yeshorim Program, we have appointed a liaison committee to work with your organization to assist you in every way possible, so that the entire Jewish community will ultimately benefit from the Dor Yeshorim Tay-Sachs screening program and other future programs targeted to eradicate Jewish genetic diseases.

Wishing you all the success in your most worthy work.

Sincerely yours,

Allen J. Bennett, MD
President AOJS