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Rabbi Josef Ekstein
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Dear Rabbi Ekstein:

I wish to commend you on the success of your effort to eliminate Tay Sachs and other genetic diseases from the population participating in your premarital genetic screening program. The success of your program is a testament to the extremely high quality of the tests performed and your ability to encourage participation by the Jewish community.

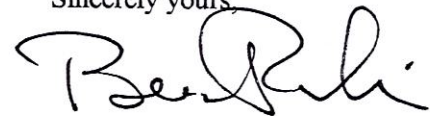
Dor Yeshorim's approach protects the identity of the individual, while alerting potential couples of the risks of having an affected child. This is accomplished without disclosing information regarding the carrier status of the individuals involved. This protects the individuals from the emotional impact this information can have. The groundbreaking approach undertaken by Dor Yeshorim, which is extremely effective, is brilliant.

I wish you continued success in this effort. As you know, the challenges continue. While Dor Yeshorim has provided routine screening for Tay Sachs, Fanconi Anemia, Cystic Fibrosis and Canavan disease, there are additional Jewish genetic diseases that require similar efforts. While I understand that expanding the program is very costly, with the demonstrated success of Dor Yeshorim, it is imperative to extend this screening to Familial Dysautonomia and other preventable genetic diseases.

Through this expanded screening, Dor Yeshorim has the capability of eliminating genetic diseases from participants in the program and ensure that this and future generations will be spared the pain and heartache suffered by the affected, their parents and siblings.

As one who has seen first-hand the impact of the Dor Yeshorim program, I thank you for your heroic efforts on behalf of our community. Most of the beneficiaries of your program are unlikely to fully appreciate the incredible accomplishments of Dor Yeshorim. As a molecular geneticist, I must say that I am in awe. May the Dor Yeshorim program continue to grow and may you ensure that future Jewish generations are free of genetic disease.

Sincerely yours,



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