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Dear Meyer:

I am writing this letter to thank you for sending me the literature about "Dor Yeshurim."

As you may recall, at the time that you first mentioned the organization to me, I was both surprised and pleased to learn that such a program was in existence. Genetic diseases clearly represent one of the most serious health problems facing the religious Jewish community. From my vantage point, the approach of the "Dor Yeshurim" is the logical way to deal with this difficult situation and to ultimately have a significant impact on the overall problem. Physicians and other scientists working in medical genetics have certainly made great progress in defining the Jewish genetic diseases. In particular, precise methods for identifying those individuals "at high risk" are currently available. On the other hand, as you well know, any program designed to deal with this very "sensitive" problem would have to be with Rabbinical approval and in accord with Jewish tradition and law. Clearly, it is the "Dor Yeshurim" which is providing the necessary "linkage" between our scientific and religious communities. Without such a cooperative effort, success in dealing effectively with such problems as Jewish genetic diseases would be severely hampered, if not impossible.

Once again, thank you for sending me the literature about this very vital and important organization. You and the others who helped to develop the concepts embodied by "Dor Yeshurim" deserve the highest praise. Furthermore, it is my hope and expectation that sometime in the future, and once again working together, that we may be able to develop similar "preventive" approaches to deal with other serious health problems facing our Jewish community.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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