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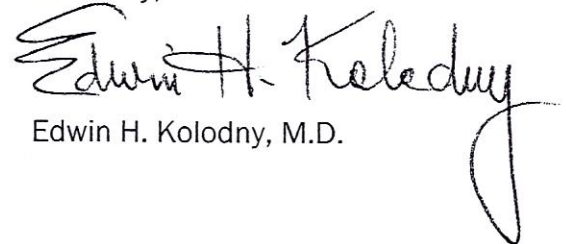
Dear Rabbi Ekstein:

I wish to indicate my complete support for the unique service that Dor Yeshorim is providing to the observant Jewish community in the United States and elsewhere.

Having personally cared for infants with many devastating inherited neurological diseases, I can attest to the enormous burden placed upon a family by a child with a progressive degenerative brain disease. The Dor Yeshorim approach enables couples to join in marriage with the knowledge that their children will not have Tay-Sachs disease, Canavan disease, Cystic Fibrosis or Fanconi's Anemia. They are currently expanding their program to include Familial Dysautonomia and other recessive genetic diseases that are as common and tragic as Tay-Sachs disease. Considering the high incidence of traits for these recessively inherited diseases in the Ashkenazi Jewish population, the Dor Yeshorim program is sparing each year, many families the pain and suffering that I saw prior to the days of Dor Yeshorim.

I appeal to all community leaders to strongly support the magnificent work of Dor Yeshorim, first by encouraging young adults to undergo confidential testing which is anonymous and second, by committing financial resources to the maintenance and expansion of this superb and very low cost program.

Sincerely,


Edwin H. Kolodny, M.D.

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