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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Dunlap, Dave, DOB 08/30/1954

I had the pleasure to see and examine Mr. Dave Dunlap on November 7th, 2008 during my Outreach Liver Transplant Clinic in Bakersfield. During the visit Mr. Dunlap provided me with copy of his medical record which I reviewed. I was requested to see him by his Primary Care Physician, Dr. Norman Bussell and by the patient advocate Maggie Damron, RN from Bakersfield.

He is a 54 years old man with End Stage Liver Disease secondary to Liver Cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and Chronic Hepatitis C (viral infection), and complicated by splenomegaly (enlarged spleen, since March 2003), esophageal varices (dilated veins secondary to increased pressure due to cirrhosis, since August 2007), elevation of Alpha-Feto Protein (cancer marker, since October 2007), low platelets (blood component that helps clotting in case of bleeding, since April 2007), and signs of liver failure.

His most recent laboratories on September and November 2008 are showing a Model for End Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score of 15 (Bilirubin 4.5, INR 1.27, Creatinine 0.7) which would qualify him to receive a Liver Transplant. The MELD score is a number that measures severity of liver disease and related mortality risk with #6 being normal, #10-12 to indicate the need for liver transplant evaluation, and #15 to qualify to receive a liver graft.

He is at risk of bleeding from his esophageal varices and subsequent high risk of mortality. He also has a risk of liver failure and liver cancer, with an estimate of mortality of about 50% in the next 2 years. He needs URGENT evaluation for Liver Transplant.

Due to his medical condition, there is an immediate need for health care services to treat him for End Stage Liver Disease. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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