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Mr. Paul Tubiana
P.O. Box 21832
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Dear Mr. Tubiana,

Thank you for your recent inquiry to the Kansas Governor's office regarding the indications for C-peptide tests as an appropriate diagnostic test for Type 1 diabetes. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment administers the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and shares your concern regarding the importance of proper diagnosis of diabetes and its related complications. We have verified with Debbie Hinnen, BC-ADM, CDE, FAAN, with Via Christi-Prevention and Health Diabetes Management in Wichita, Kansas that, according to the best science available, the diagnosis of diabetes does not require the C-peptide test for validation.

Diabetes is a serious public health problem affecting more than 17 million Americans. Addressing the magnitude of this ever increasing public health problem requires support reaching beyond the public health spectrum. We appreciate your concern and support for improving health outcomes for individuals affected by this serious chronic disease.

Sincerely,

Paula Marmet

Director, Office of Health Promotion

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