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Re: Extension of Conflict of Interest Code Exemption

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter grants your request for an extension of the **Independent Peer Review Group's** (“**Group**”) exemption from inclusion in a conflict of interest code under California Code of Regulations Section 18751.

Based on the information provided in your request, the Group does not possess decision-making authority, is formed for the sole purpose of reporting and making recommendations to another government body, and is eligible for exemption under California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18751 subdivision (d)(1). You indicated there have been no changes to the Group's authority since the granting of the original exemption.

Under Regulation 18751(g), an exemption expires after two years and agencies must adopt a conflict of interest code, request an extension of the exemption, or submit a new request for exemption. If the nature of the Group's authority changes and employees and/or members make or participate in the making of governmental decisions, the Group may need to adopt a conflict of interest code or be added to another agency's conflict of interest code at that time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5660.

Sincerely,

/S/

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