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Dear «Title» «LastName»:

Thank you for your participation with the Minnesota Educators Study! As the final step in this effort, we would like to contact health care providers and collect supporting information for persons who *were injured*, as well as a sample of educators who *were not injured*. This is important to ensure the overall quality of the data collected in this study.

We are enclosing three consent forms with this letter. After reading the consent form, we would like you to list the name(s) and address(es) of any health care provider(s) that you may have seen between «month1a» and «month25a»; then sign the form(s) and return it(them) in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope. If you have seen more than three providers between «month1a» and «month25a», please call 1-877-708-3224 (toll free) for additional forms, or feel free to copy the form. Health care providers include Physicians, Chiropractors, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Therapists, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Clinicians, Physician's Assistants, Dentists, Physical or Occupational Therapists, etc.

With your consent, we will send these health care provider(s) a brief form to complete. For your information, we have enclosed a copy of the letter and form that will be sent to your health care providers. **Whether or not you have received health care** between «month1a» and «month25a», we would appreciate you signing and returning the form.

All information obtained will remain completely confidential. In any written reports or presentations resulting from this study, no individual or identifying information will be provided; only group information for the participants will be presented. We would like to remind you that 250 randomly drawn individuals will each receive a \$100 savings bond; the odds of acquiring a bond are at least 1 in 75. You will be eligible whether or not you participate in this part of the study. We will notify the individuals who are to be awarded the bonds at the completion of the study.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Refusal to participate will not affect your future relations with any of the institutions involved in this effort. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Susan Gerberich or Dr. Nancy Nachreiner at 612-626-4801 or toll free 1-877-70-TEACH (1-877-708-3224). If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researchers, you are encouraged to contact the Research Subjects' Advocate Line, D528 Mayo, 420 Delaware St. Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455; (612) 625-1650. We look forward to your potential involvement in this portion of the study and appreciate your completion and return of these forms by February 8, 2007.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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