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Dear Dr. Noonan:

I very much appreciate and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you regarding issues in Children's Health Protection. I am delighted to hear of your personal support of Administrator Browner's interest in protecting the health of children. I am also very happy that you would like to meet with the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee and to meet with Dr. Joel Bender, chair of our Science workgroup. I will have Ramona Trovato facilitate your meeting with Dr. Bender. The next meeting of the Committee will be February 3-4, 1999 in Washington. I hope that your schedule will allow you to meet with us at that time.

I am also pleased with your assurance that ORD makes every effort to assure that children are included in appropriate research activities. It was not clear from our conversation whether or not there is a formalized policy such as the NIH policy. If there is, it would be every interesting to the Committee to have the opportunity to review it.

At its last meeting, the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee approved the following resolution:

" The Children's Health Advisory Committee requests that the Office of Research and Development provide information on the allocation of it $500 Million budget, specifically on:

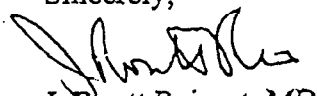
1. Projects directly related to children's health issues, by
   a. hazards, and
   b. exposure
2. Projects relevant to risks to children, and
3. How research on risks to children is grouped by Program Office client."

The intent of this resolution was to provide the Committee with better information as to the allocation of research resources as they relate to the protection of children. I hope that you will be able to provide the information the Committee has requested prior to our next meeting in February.

I would like to affirm my offer for the Committee to assist ORD in review and development of research proposals and in any other peer review activities. As I told you, we previously met with Dr. Saint from your office and he brought to us a request for assistance in concept review, concept development, preparation of RFA's and peer

review activities of submissions. Of course, the Committee does not have all of the expertise or sufficient person power to fulfill all of these activities, but our wide diversity of expertise allows us considerable access to persons who can help you and your office in any or all of these activities. We are prepared to help you in all of these activities to any extent helpful to you and your office.

Sincerely,



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