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Governor

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State Surgeon General

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Dear

We would like to thank you for contributing to our investigation of an elevated level of pediatric brain and central nervous system cancers in the Acreage area. We appreciate your participation, openness, and time involved in answering the case control study questions.

The good news is that following countless hours of review, data entry and concurrence from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) we reviewed multiple categorical variables and found that none of those factors have been identified as a risk for causing pediatric brain tumors among study participants. It has also been determined by the findings that having a longer residency in the Acreage study area posed no higher risk for brain tumors among children.

A detailed explanation of how the data analysis was conducted along with the complete list of variables is included in the enclosed Appendix II. From that list, seven potential risk factors were found to have statistically significant associations with the development of pediatric brain tumors. Those risk factor exposures are explained in detail in your packet. However, it should be noted that for each potential risk factor, a higher proportion of the control families, and not case families, were exposed

We understand the depth and breadth of the technicalities covered in this report may be a lot of information to absorb. We would be happy to discuss in person or by phone the findings in this study and clarify any questions you may have. Please call the Acreage Neighborhood Information Center (561)798-7082 to schedule an appointment with Judy Cobb, RN, MSPH, Epidemiologist.

Further review of all findings and recommendations by the CDC, DEP and Department of Health will occur over the next several weeks. We will keep you informed as these become available.

Sincerely,

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