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Committee on Conflict of Interest in Medical
Research, Education, and Practice

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Dear Ms. Capizzi:

On behalf of the chair and members of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education, and Practice, I want to thank you for responding to our invitation to submit a statement of views. We are beginning our analysis of the submitted statements and expect that will enrich our understanding of the complexities of the issues before the committee.

The committee will spend most of the remainder of this year considering findings and recommendations and drafting its report. We expect the report to be released publicly in early 2009 and to be published three to four months after that. We will send you a copy. If you have any questions or further comments, please let me know. And again, thank you.

Best regards,

Marilyn Field, Ph.D.
Study Director

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