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in the Aging.*

Dear Dr. Kahn,

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The trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) reviewed the 2013 annual report from the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) with interest. The format of the report was well organized which provided for an enjoyable and easy review. The trustees also were pleased to note the tremendous progress in a variety of areas in support of the individual and collaborative efforts to advance the research initiatives in cognitive aging and age related memory loss.

The trustees are pleased to note the continuing strong support of the MBI at the UAB through the appointment of Dr. Selwyn Vickers, the new Dean of the UAB with the commitment of significant resources in support of research in cognitive genetics. However, it is a disappointment that the efforts to recruit individuals to fill the two vacant endowed chairs in geriatric psychiatry dedicated to the research and treatment of memory disorders in the elderly are still unsuccessful. It is hoped filling these two positions with qualified individuals will become a top priority of the UAB-MBI. Successful efforts to fill these two important positions, which have remained vacant since 2009, are critical to the efforts to maximize the clinical translational initiatives in cognitive aging research as defined in the gift agreement.

The trustees value the research partnership between the MBRF and the UAB-MBI and look forward to broadening and expanding the research intended for clinical translation leading to the understanding and alleviation of age related memory loss.

Sincerely,

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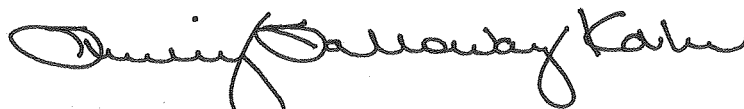
Dear Ms. Cianciotto,

I want to thank you for your recent letter dated February 21, 2014, regarding the annual report to the trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) for the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (MBI) at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Dr. David Sweatt continues to lead the MBI to greater heights, and his collaborative efforts with the other MBRF-funded institutes, as well as additional university experts, exemplify UAB's problem-solving approach to new discoveries and treatments.

I want to take this opportunity to address the concerns of the MBRF trustees relative to the two vacant endowed chair positions that have been reserved for UAB MBI faculty within geriatric psychiatry which are focused on the research and treatment of memory disorders in the elderly. Dean Vickers and I have spoken about these important recruitments, and he is making this effort a top priority for the School of Medicine. To this end we plan to add additional resources toward these recruitments to create a recruitment package that will attract the very best and brightest to UAB. We look forward to reporting to you information about the candidates we successfully recruit to these exciting positions.

Please accept our wholehearted gratitude to you and the other trustees for your ongoing confidence in our faculty and institution. Together, we will continue to make great strides to better understand age related memory disorders and ultimately come up with new treatments and cures for these problems.

Sincerely,



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