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Dear Ms. Wallace,

I am writing in response to the request for 2010 RNF grant review panel members. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a participant in the review panel. As a previous RNF grant recipient, I appreciate the value of the work done by this panel. I would like to ask you to share a bit of good news with the Foundation. I was recently awarded a K23 career development award from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, via the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research. The work I conducted under the 2007 RNF New Investigator Grant provided the foundation for this successful K award application. I know the Foundation likes to see a return on their investments, thus I share this information.

My current research interest focuses on health promotion after spinal cord injury (SCI), especially in the community setting. I consider myself to have expertise in community-based participatory approaches to research (CBPR) that incorporate both qualitative and quantitative methods. I attended the 2009 *NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research Targeting the Medically Underserved* and have consistently used a CBPR approach in all of my research. I have experience with qualitative methods including Photovoice, focus groups, and key informant interviews. I am growing my expertise in survey research methods as well as intervention development and testing. My current research involves: 1. the development and implementation of a community-based needs assessment survey of individuals with spinal cord injury, and 2. the development and feasibility testing of a community-based, multilevel (socio-ecological model), health promotion intervention for individuals with SCI.

Thank you for the opportunity and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information or clarifications.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Newman".

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