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LETTER OF CERTIFICATION

AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF CODED DATA/SPECIMENS BY 13TH INTERNATIONAL HISTOCOMPATABILITY WORKING GROUP (IHWG) RESEARCH INVESTIGATORS

Project Leader
Address at Local Institution

RE: Certification for access to non-identifiable coded data/specimens

Dear Dr. _____:

[Name of person providing data/specimens to the workshop] represents and warrants to the 13th IHWG, which is funded through NIH grant CA84497, that all data, sera, cell lines, tissue and other specimens sent for use in the 13th IHWG have been obtained in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations at our institution, including any requiring informed consent.

I authorize the use of coded data and/or specimens by the 13th IHWG. These materials have been coded to assure the confidentiality of the donors of these specimens or data. I understand the 13th IHWG will assign a unique 13th working group code to all materials received for testing or analysis to further assure donor confidentiality.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Name, title and address of individual/institution providing data/specimens.