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Dear CKiD Participants and Families,

On behalf of the National Institutes of Health and the nationwide team of CKiD investigators, we want to thank you for your participation in this important study.

The CKiD study will help pediatric kidney doctors better understand what happens to children with reduced kidney function. At this time, there have been over 550 children and families from pediatric centers across the country who have participated in this important project. Your participation has already provided us with such valuable information and was so successful that the NIH has funded this study for an additional five years! We wanted to share this news with you and your family.

The information from the method we are using to measure kidney function, in which we give you an intravenous injection of iohexol is very exact, and has led to a more accurate way for your physician to calculate your kidney function during times when the iohexol injection is not performed. We continue to use this information to compare how changes in kidney function might affect growth, blood pressure, heart function, school performance and behavior.

Many children have completed their second study visit where intellectual performance and behavior are assessed, and some have completed the fourth visit where some of these test are repeated. We believe that there may be a connection between kidney disease, behavior and brain function, and your continued participation in this portion of the CKiD study will help us better understand this issue.

The cardiovascular (heart) portion of the study has begun and has already provided very important information regarding blood pressure and heart function in children with kidney disease, and how all of these are connected to one another.

Thank you again for your contribution to this study. We hope that you will stay with us over the next five years as your ongoing participation will help doctors better understand kidney disease in children and how the care can be improved in the not too distant future. You can be sure that we will continue to keep you well informed of the exciting progress of the CKiD study. Please be sure to contact your CKiD physician or nurse if you have any questions whatsoever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marva Moxey-Mims, M.D.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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