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Dear Dr. Kirklin:

This letter extends the Certificate of Confidentiality **NHLBI 07-07 Extension 10-16** protecting the identity of research subjects in your project entitled, “**Interagency Registry of Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support (INTERMACS).**”

This extension letter will allow you to continue your research and complete this study.

The new expiration date for the study is July 31, 2017.

If you determine that the research project will not be completed by July 31, 2017, you must submit a written request for an extension of the certificate three (3) months prior to the expiration date. If you make any changes to the protocol for this study, you must contact Ms. Donna Jones, Certificate of Confidentiality Coordinator, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Any request for modification of this Certificate must include the reason(s) for the request, documentation of the most recent Institutional Review Board approval, and the expected date for completion of the research project.

Please advise Ms. Jones at [jonesd@nhlbi.nih.gov](mailto:jonesd@nhlbi.nih.gov) of any situation in which the Certificate is employed to resist disclosure of information in legal proceedings. Should attorneys for the project wish to discuss the use of the Certificate, they may contact the National Institutes of Health Office of Legal Counsel at (301) 496-4801.

Sincerely,

Gary H. Gibbons, M.D.  
Director