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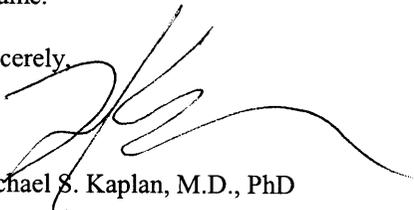
Dear Miss Topper:

I am board-certified in physical medicine rehabilitation. I work with patients with chronic pain as the major focus of my two offices in the Baltimore area, Westminster and Catonsville. I was previously the Director of the National Institute of Aging, Functional Performance and Rehabilitation Program at the National Institute of Aging. I have also testified before Congress as to the benefits of exercise in the elderly. I also testified at the FDA when Soma was being evaluated.

I believe with my expertise as well as with my experience as a PhD in neuroscience, and an M.D. board certified in physical medicine, that I would be an excellent person to testify at your upcoming meeting.

If I am accepted, please advise me as soon as possible of the dates and times to be there. Enclosed is a copy of my resume.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Kaplan, M.D., PhD

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Enclosure