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Marjorie Speers, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs
2301 M Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Dr. Speers:

FASEB is pleased to learn that the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) is undertaking its first review of its accreditation standards. As a founding member of AAHRPP, FASEB recognizes the profound importance of protecting the rights and welfare of human research participants. Maintaining comprehensive and rigorous standards for the evaluation and accreditation of human subjects protection programs is central to this mission.

AAHRPP's current accreditation standards have served the community well since they were developed and implemented nearly eight years ago. Nonetheless, we agree that periodic reviews can help to improve the clarity of the standards and ensure that they continue to be relevant. FASEB would welcome the opportunity to work with AAHRPP on revising the standards, and we hope you will consider our Clinical Research Subcommittee to be a resource during this important process. If you would like to discuss this or other issues related to human subjects research, please feel free to contact Jennifer A. Hobin, Ph.D. in FASEB's Office of Public Affairs at 301-634-7650 or jhobin@faseb.org.

Sincerely,

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