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Dear Steven:

I wanted to thank you again for your kind invitation to attend the *Living Like a Warrior* gala on July 12th, 2014 in Denver. My colleague, Dr. Samaranch, and I enjoyed it tremendously and we were touched by your generosity and passion. Clearly, the Wylder Nation Foundation is off to a great start and you may count us as enthusiastic supporters.

In particular, I wanted to commend you on assembling a remarkable roundtable of scientists and clinicians to discuss therapeutic prospects for the treatment of Niemann-Pick A. I must admit that, at first, I was unsure of what would be accomplished during this discussion, but I was quickly and very pleasantly reassured. The presence of experts like Dr. Schuchman and Dr. Wasserstein from Mt. Sinai Medical Center, along with Dr. Seng Cheng from Genzyme Corporation catalyzed a vibrant discussion of the challenges and clinical issues that has transformed our research plans for development of a gene therapy for Niemann-Pick A.

As a direct result of the roundtable discussion in Denver and Wylder Nation Foundation's unique ability to foster communication and collaboration across sectors, our lab has formed a collaborative effort with Drs. Schuchman and Wasserstein from Mount Sinai, and Dr. Ledesma from Spain to submit an NIH grant in order to bring a therapy to the clinic for NPA.

We owe you a great debt of gratitude for assembling and hosting such a productive meeting and the team here at UCSF looks forward to a continued association with Wylder Nation as we work hard to develop an effective therapy for this tragic disease.

As I previously mentioned our lab came to Denver with an objective and departed with a mission. Please count on me to be a strong supporter of the work you are doing. You have converted me into a fervent champion of the Foundation.

Very sincerely,



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