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Hon. Richard W. Knepper
Court of Appeals of Ohio
Sixth Appellate District
One Constitution Avenue
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**Re: Margaret Branson, Deceased, et al., v. Edmundo A.
Somoza, M.D., et al.
Case No. 02-CV-154
Our File No. M221/165663**

Dear Judge Knepper:

A brief note to express our appreciation for your mediation services in the above-captioned case. Your judicial and practical experience in such litigated matters as well as your people skills and obvious evenhandedness were invaluable in assisting the parties to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of this dispute.

Rest assured that we will call upon your services in the future.

Very truly yours,

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