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Mr. John C. Martin Executive Chairman Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Dear Mr. Martin,

First of all, I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation towards you for your dedicated efforts rendered to our country in support of implementation of unprecedented Hepatitis C Elimination project in Georgia.

This project is a direct result of successful public-private partnership originated from outstanding cooperation between the Government of Georgia, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Gilead Sciences. Through universal access to HCV diagnostics and treatment, HCV burden in Georgia is gradually being eliminated. Beyond its immediate public health impact in Georgia, the HCV elimination project will serve as a model for other countries by generating valuable data to support the implementation of elimination programs in other parts of the world.

To discuss further collaborative issues, it would be my great pleasure and honor to invite you to visit Georgia on August 8, 2017. This visit will provide an excellent opportunity to overview HCV Elimination Program implementation in Georgia and conduct bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister and the President of Georgia.

We would also like to use this opportunity and express our gratitude for your personal contribution to the development of the national health project in Georgia by awarding the Golden Fleece Order, which was established in 1998 and is named after the mythical Golden Fleece.

Looking forward to meeting you in Tbilisi.

Sincerely yours,

Minister David Sergeenko