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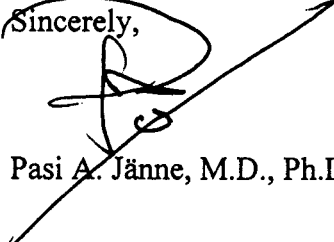
Dear Michael:

It is a distinct honor that Kati's Hope has chosen to support my work in mesothelioma research. I deeply appreciate this meaningful contribution, made in Kati's memory, and I will apply every effort to uphold the mission of Kati and the Foundation to develop a way to treat this disease.

As you may know, a significant piece of my laboratory research has centered on the discovery and development of new potential therapeutic targets in malignant mesothelioma; specifically we are focused on identifying protein targets referred to as tyrosine kinases. In the recent past, my laboratory has conducted in-depth studies of kinases in an *in vitro* setting, has described the sensitivity of mesothelioma cells to various chemical inhibitors, and has further elucidated the role of the AXL tyrosine kinase in mesothelioma. We are also involved in a number of clinical studies of experimental mesothelioma treatments, including assessing the efficacy of the targeted therapy sorafenib in mesothelioma patients, and examining the benefits of a combination targeted therapy (bevacizumab and erlotinib) for mesothelioma patients. The Foundation's generous support is a wonderful help in advancing these initiatives.

Without the support of organizations such as Kati's Hope Foundation, the ability to carry out this research would not be possible. I am very grateful to you and to the Foundation for your role in catalyzing the effort towards finding solutions for mesothelioma patients, and for providing hope for individuals with this disease.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nancy J. Broers, Secretary/Treasurer ✓