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Rajeev Ramchand, Ph.D.
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1200 South Hayes Street
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Re: Improving Caregiver Outcomes through Structured Support Via Military Caregiver Peer Forums

Dear Dr. Ramchand,

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Research Regulatory Oversight Office has completed its human research protection official review of the documents submitted for the above referenced research study. The study is in compliance with 32 CFR 219, "Protection of Human Subjects," and Department of Defense requirements as specified in DoD Instruction 3216.02, "Protection of Human Subjects and Adherence to Ethical Standards in DoD-Supported Research." We concur with the RAND IRB's approval of this study, which expires on **January 4, 2017**. Prior to the expiration date, please provide documentation that the IRB has approved a continuing review of the study, or that the study has been completed. Prior to implementation of any changes, please submit them to both the primary IRB and this office for review.

As principal investigator, you are responsible for ensuring that everyone involved in the conduct of the study adheres to the approved protocol. You are also required to report any adverse events or unanticipated problems and actions taken to mitigate the events to both the primary IRB and this office within 24 hours of being notified of an occurrence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at DHA.R2O2.PR@mail.mil.

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