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RE: Exempted research ethics review findings for: *Supporting Partnerships to Advance Research and Knowledge (SPARK)* (HML IRB Review #796MPR20x)

Dear Dr. Derr,

Protocols for the protection of human subjects in the above study were assessed through an exemption review by HML Institutional Review Board on 10 – 11 November 2020.

This study's human subjects' protection protocols, as stated in the materials submitted, received **IRB exemption** from ongoing review in accordance with the requirements of the US Code of Federal Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, [45 CFR 46.104](#).

To be in compliance with 45 CFR 46, please notify this IRB of any changes in this study's human protection protocols.

HML IRB is authorized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Research Protections (IRB #00001211, IORG #0000850), and has DHHS Federal-Wide Assurance approval (FWA #00001102).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Anderson", is positioned above the typed name.

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