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Keith Desserich
Chair, Board of Directors
The Cure Starts Now
10280 Chester Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215

Dear Mr. Desserich and Members of the Cure Starts Now Foundation

On behalf of my research team and the Children's National Medical Center, I would like to thank **The Cure Starts Now Foundation** for awarding our proposal. I am delighted to accept the generous funds of \$99,979 from the Cure Starts Now Foundation, which will enable us to push forward with a novel approach towards understanding the biology of pediatric DIPGs.

This funding will enable us to use our proteomics expertise to collaborate with DIPG experts at Hospital for Sick Kids. I acknowledge that generated results will be used in a collaborative manner with other institutions that can further the progress of DIPG research, inclusive of involvement by other participating institutions in the DIPG Collaborative.

Our IRB and institutional approvals required to conduct these studies are already approved and our study will begin within the 6 months of the award date. I confirm that in all future publications, published data, presentations, web pages, blogs or other references to the grant and supporters, the following parties are named as sponsors of the protocol: *"The Cure Starts Now Foundation, Hope for Caroline Foundation, Reflections of Grace Foundation, Soar with Grace Foundation, Abbie's Army Charity Trust, Julian Boivin Courage for Cures Foundation, Smiles for Sophie Forever, Caroline's Miracle Foundation, Love, Chloe Foundation, Benny's World Foundation, Pray Hope Believe Foundation, Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation and the DIPG Collaborative."*

My sincere thanks to countless volunteers and DIPG Foot Soldiers whose countless efforts have made this happen.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Nazarian", written in a cursive style.

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