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To Dr. Theodore Leng

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Re: Application TRAN1-11300 to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)

Dear Dr. Leng,

I have a retinal degenerative disease called age-related macular degeneration and have been a patient in studies at the Retina Foundation of the Southwest for the past 4 years. I understand that you have applied for funding to support studies to treat retinal degenerations like mine.

I whole-heartedly support your efforts to assist those with visual disabilities attributable to these retinal diseases for which there are limited treatment options.

Best wishes,

Richard Hickey