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Members of the ICPI board,

Thank you for helping me to attend the 2008 CAP meeting in San Diego, CA via the Trainee Travel Award. While at the meeting, I met many other residents and attendings in the field of pathology and began to create ties with others in my chosen field. I got to discuss current topics impacting pathologists in practice and began to have a better appreciation of the world I will be working in once I have completed my pathology training.

Additionally, I was able to present the three research projects with which I am involved via the poster session: "CD44+/CD24(-/low) and CD44 Are Differentially Expressed in Estrogen Negative and High-Grade Invasive Mammary Carcinoma," "BIRADS Category 4 Mammographic Calcifications: Does the Pattern of Calcification Predict Likelihood of Malignancy?" and "The Expression of Cyclin D1 and BCL2 in Estrogen Negative and Triple Negative Invasive Mammary Carcinoma." During the poster presentations, I was able to discuss my work with other residents and learn what my colleagues are pursuing in their research.

I also must mention the lectures that I had the opportunity to attend. I was able to learn about topics that are of great interest to me from the experts in those fields and learn the tricks used by the experts in the various fields of pathology in order to improve my knowledge and skill set in the practice of pathology. The knowledge that I obtained during the 2008 CAP conference has already begun to impact my practice of pathology, and I plan to continue to share the knowledge that I gained at the conference with the other residents at my program.

Thank you again for your generosity,

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