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ICPI

Attn: Donna Stivers
9650 Rockville Pike
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Dear ICPI Board,

Thank you for awarding me a travel grant to attend the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP 2010) meeting in San Jose, CA. As a third year resident, I recently made the decision to pursue a career in molecular pathology. As my program was unable to fund my attendance at the meeting, the ICPI travel award allowed me this opportunity to become actively involved in my future field. This is especially important as molecular diagnostics rapidly evolves, with new technologies being implemented every year.

During the course of the meeting, I attended talks on topics ranging from quality assurance to next generation sequencing. A wide range of presenters, from basic science researchers to surgeons and pathologists, demonstrated the broad scope of molecular technology. One presentation, describing the process of finding a handful on tumor cells circulating in the blood of patients with cancer, vividly demonstrated the clinical applications of these cutting edge technologies.

Once again, I thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Sincerely,
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