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Re: Request for Timely and Just Consideration of a Request for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Waiver for the Baylor School of Chattanooga, TN. Regarding Baylor Research Facility Providing Protocol Testing for the Detection of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19).

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to request your timely and just consideration to the Baylor School's Baylor Research program request for a CLIA waiver proposal to begin conducting SARS-CoV-2 testing in Hamilton County, TN. The facility would utilize Center for Disease Control (CDC) standard COVID-19 Testing Protocol with CDC Emergency Use Authorization kits in all testing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have further questions regarding the facility and their processes please, contact Dallas Joseph, the Chief Operating Officer at the Baylor School.

Sincerely,

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Chuck Fleischmann Member of Congress

Enclosure