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To whom it may concern at Lilly,

Eli Lilly conducts pharmaceutical research in my community. Since clinical research has certain risks, and since I feel and assert some responsibility as a citizen to participate in the safety and well being of members of my community, I would like to have a reasonable opportunity to oversee the research being done on members of my community.

I understand that as a primary written record of agreement, your organization shares informed consent documents with participants as part of the process by means of which you conduct the informed consent process. One might expect that the information which is given to research participants in the informed consent document constitutes enough written information to provide a basis from which a typical person can provide informed consent, because the informed consent document constitutes the written information you give in the informed consent process. Because there seems to be some relationship between this document and understanding a clinical trial, I think that my access to the informed consent document would also help me be able to become an informed partner in this research by giving my review and consent for this study to happen in my community.

I am writing to ask that I be provided the informed consent document describing the research study you are conducting in my community. Furthermore, as I would like to be able to re-publish and remix this document with my annotations and notes so as to be able to explain this research to peers in my community, would you to give me the informed consent document with Creative Commons-Attribution licensing (“CC-By”) so that I can have a legal way to do this which would not violate the copyright on this document?

Thanks for your reply in any case. If you can provide the ICD to me under these terms then I will share it broadly with everyone. If you are unable to share the document with me, then please also explain to me why you are unable to do so. I have shared the fact of my request with my community and a timestamped copy of it can be found at https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:To_whom_it_may_concern_at_Lilly.pdf

Thank you for your attention and thank you for conducting health research. I am the biggest fan of the advancement of open science!

yours,

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