IMMUNE DEFICIENCY FOUNDATION

The National Organization Dedicated to Research, Education and Advocacy for Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases

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John Korkosz, Planning Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Korkosz,

The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) is the national patient non-profit health organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of individuals with primary immune deficiency diseases. These diseases are chronic illnesses caused by hereditary or genetic defects in the immune system in which part of the body's immune system is missing or does not function properly. These diseases are not contagious.

For many of the approximately 250,000 patients in the US, the only effective treatment for these potentially life threatening diseases is the regular administration of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG), a treatment that is produced from donations of human plasma. Without adequate plasma donation facilities, companies like Biomat cannot provide sufficient supplies of plasma to produce enough IVIG to meet the needs of patients who rely on this life-saving therapy. Please grant the request of Biomat to expand its facility and collect more plasma for the production of IVIG.

As the founder and president of the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), and the mother of a child who has suffered with a primary immune deficiency disease, I am deeply concerned about assuring that patients have adequate treatment. Unfortunately, there is no cure for primary immune deficiency diseases. Individuals who are born with or are diagnosed later in life with these diseases have compromised immune systems and cannot fight-off infections that might go unnoticed in someone with a healthy immune system.

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Since the advent of IVIG in the 1980's many people with primary immune deficiencies have been able to lead relatively healthy, normal and productive lives. My son is a testament to the power of IVIG treatment. Although the first years of his life were frightening and uncertain, he is now in his 20's, married, and leading a healthy life. If communities around the country refused the efforts of companies like Biomat to build and grow their plasma collection facilities, my son might not have the life he leads today.

On behalf of the thousands of children born with primary immune deficiencies each year, and the countless others currently living with these conditions, I ask that you grant Biomat's request to expand its plasma collection center in Las Vegas.

Thank you for your consideration of the needs of the unique patient population that IDF serves. If you have any questions about our patients and the importance of IVIG, a plasma derived therapy, I would be delighted to talk with you further.

Sincerely,

Marcia Boyle

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President and Founder

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