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Dear Tish,

I am writing to thank you for your work on The Brain Donor Project (<https://braindonorproject.org/>), a tax-exempt nonprofit organization built to support the work of the NIH NeuroBioBank (<https://neurobiobank.nih.gov/>).

For many families, the process of brain donation can seem overwhelming and complicated. At NINDS, we believe that efforts to raise awareness about and simplify the process of human post-mortem brain tissue donation are critically important. The Brain Donor Project provides vital support to the NIH NeuroBioBank in its mission to provide high quality, well-characterized human brain tissue for neurologic research. This unique partnership allows the NIH NeuroBioBank to focus more on working with researchers to solve the mysteries of brain disorders and disease, which now impact one in six Americans.

For many neurological disorders, the lack of access by investigators to brain tissue severely limits scientific progress. By increasing awareness and simplifying the donation process, The Brain Donor Project provides a valuable service to advance science. Additionally, a representative from National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and one from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) – partners in the NeuroBioBank – are proud to serve as Federal Liaisons to the Board of Directors of The Brain Donor Project to help guide its public education efforts.

Brain tissue is the most precious resource in neuroscience – one for which there simply is no substitute. On behalf of NINDS, I would like to thank you for your dedication to supporting the NIH Neurobiobank. Scientific discoveries made possible by tissue donation provide hope for families affected by brain disease.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Koroshetz, M.D.

Director