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Dear Ilyce:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our stem cell research proposal. Your tireless efforts were rewarded last month when Governor Blagojevich signed his Executive Order establishing the Illinois Regenerative Medicine Institute and authorizing \$10 million for stem cell research. It is my belief that we would have failed had it not been for the hard work that you and so many other advocates demonstrated.

It has been an honor for my staff and me to work with you throughout this entire process. We appreciate your patience during the legislative sessions and we are grateful for your constant efforts to rally others. Your determination truly inspired me to keep fighting to ensure that we could provide a little hope to the millions of families who are affected by many debilitating diseases.

I have enclosed a picture from the bill signing for your records and if there is anything that my office can do to assist you or Canavan Research Illinois, please let me know. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career and, for that, I thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel W. Hynes".

Daniel W. Hynes  
Illinois State Comptroller

Enclosure