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Dear Mr. Volavka:

We have reviewed the PHC4 2002 CABG Report – Final Outcome Data for Comment, and re-reviewed our mortality cases. Based on our investigation, we offer the following comment. “Our investigation demonstrates that our level of severity index is greater than reflected in this study.”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Austin Cleveland'.

Austin Cleveland
President and Chief Executive Officer

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