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This is a letter in reference to my patient who was treated for severe aortic stenosis. She had a postoperative course that was moderately complicated by atrial fibrillation and respiratory insufficiency secondary to chronic obstructive lung disease. She had an acute exacerbation of renal failure which resolved after aggressive management. She had progressed rapidly through our institution. At the time of discharge, her renal failure had resolved, her obstructive lung disease had resolved and her cardiac output was fairly normal. The patient was in sinus rhythm with her atrial arrhythmia also being totally resolved. She was transferred to another facility in hemodynamically stable state with above the described multiple organ systems all in near baseline functioning.

I do not believe that her demise on June 1, 2005 was attributed to the medical state referable to the time transfer from our institution and we would request a waiver of her death based our last clinical management of her.

Sincerely yours,

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