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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a clinical psychologist, I have specialized in the treatment of both acute and chronic pain for the last ten years. I was affiliated with the Chronic Pain Program at Miami Valley Hospital and with the St. Elizabeth's Regional Pain Program in Dayton, Ohio, for the past three years. One of our primary treatment modalities has involved the use of microcurrent technology, both within the confines of our pain program and at our private practice facility.

I have had the opportunity to introduce the Alpha-Stim 100 unit to my entire caseload of chronic pain patients in our private practice and without exception, each and every one of these patients has experienced tremendous benefits from the use of this microcurrent device. In many cases, this has involved a complete and total cessation of pain for the duration of a week or more. At the very least, the remainder of these chronic pain patients have experienced a very dramatic diminution of their chronic pain, also with long-standing effects of one to two weeks. On a 0 to 10 pain rating index, the majority of them have reported a decrease in subjective pain ratings of 6 to 7 points. I have used this unit with patients diagnosed with chronic myofascial pain or fibromyalgia, severe neck and back injuries stemming from multiple industrial accidents, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, post-hepatic neuralgia, bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, permanent eye injuries, migraine headaches, cluster headaches, vascur headaches, tension headaches, and knee injuries. One of the most notable cases involves treatment of a patient suffering from multiple back injuries, who had been addicted to narcotic analgesics for a period of five years. With the use of her Alpha-Stim 100 unit, she has remained medication-free for five weeks at present, and without any withdrawal symptoms whatsoever. All of these findings have been clearly documented in my patient records. In all honesty, I can only say that microcurrent technology has revolutionized chronic pain treatment in our practice.

In order to separate the use of the transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator (TENS) from the Alpha-Stim 100 unit, it is important to emphasize that the TENS unit is a pain blocker that applies an electrical force, which stimulates pain-suppressing nerve fibers to work against pain-carrying nerve fibers. Microcurrent devices instead produce stimulation within painful areas of the body, utilizing the very same electrical current maintained by the body's cellular structure. This allows the body to re-adjust towards a state of homeostasis of ten times, to a more normalized pain-free state, with far greater longevity of healing effects than the TENS unit produces.

I would be more than glad to provide any additional documentation of the benefits that my patients have received from the use of the Alpha-Stim 100 unit, myself included, and would encourage anyone who reads this letter to contact me without hesitation. I can be reached at 937-291-2718.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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