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Jordan Baer  
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Dear Jordan:

**RE: James Baer**  
**1954-Jan-06**

I am writing this letter on behalf of your father and my patient, James Baer. I understand that you are in the process of building a house for your parents on your property. The couple is looking forward to being able to reside in such a home in close proximity to you given the advancing Parkinson's disease-related disability faced by James. By his description, the home will have four-foot-wide hallways, three-foot-wide doors, handicapped-equipped washrooms, and other features that will accommodate James requirement for mobility aides such as a wheelchair and a walker.

I started to follow James clinically in June 2011, upon transfer of care from my neurology colleague Dr. Mosewich. I am a Neurologist who subspecializes in the care of individuals with movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease. James has advanced Parkinson's disease associated with marked on-off symptom response fluctuations. He has also been prone to severe involuntary muscle contractions and writhing movements impacting on his ability to sit, stand, and ambulate with comfort. There have been times during which James has been severely hindered in his ability to walk even short distances.

I understand that the regional district has brought to the family's attention that your property is still within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Accordingly, this means that you would not be able to build a second house on your property unless it was for your parents or farm workers.

I think it is both ideal and compassionate that you have been embarking upon building an appropriate home for your father and mother to reside in, taking into consideration his significant medical concerns.

I ask that the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and Agricultural Land Commission approve your building this home for your parents, on medical and compassionate grounds.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
Agriculture Land Commission.