September 9, 2025

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**RE: David Baumgarten   
DOB: 6/10/36  
MR# 000001245024**

Dear Dr. Samples,

I am urgently reaching out to you regarding concerns of elder abuse and neglect surrounding your former patient, David Baumgarten.

While under your care, you provided a letter indicating that David Baumgarten was not mentally capable of managing his finances. Since that time, he has had two mental status evaluations (enclosed), and neither has indicated that he has any serious deficits. I have also included two other letters by doctors affirming his ability to make his own choices.

The letter you provided has allowed his caregivers at that time access to all of his finances, including his pension and Social Security. Due to concerns for elder abuse, he is no longer under the care of these individuals. Unfortunately, because of the letter you provided, his finances are still under the sole control of those caregivers. We have a preliminary court date in this matter for September 23rd.

Please review the mental status exams and letters enclosed. Now that you have access to a more complete assessment of Mr. Baumgarten’s mental capacity, please sign the attached letter if you agree with the findings that he does not have any concerning deficits. This would indicate that you believe he is competent to manage his finances.

If you disagree and believe Mr. Baumgarten is not competent to make financial decisions, please provide documentation regarding how you came to this decision and specific findings to support your assessment.

I appreciate your urgent response to this matter. I need your response by September 19th. If you are unable to respond by that date, your initial letter regarding his financial incapacity will become a focus of this case and you may be asked to defend that decision more fully.

Sincerely,

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David Baumgarten’s Daughter and POA

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I, John W. Samples, upon review of provided cognitive function assessments, agree with the findings that David Baumgarten is currently