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Dear Mr. Edwards:

I am the new Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at Arkansas Children's Hospital, as of November 1, 2005, and am writing to express my extreme gratitude and admiration for your efforts to create the world's first long distance ECMO transportation system. Bill Fiser and Carl Chipman had told me in some detail about the amount of work and ingenuity that have gone into creating the system, which is in itself quite remarkable. Even more remarkable, however, is the extreme generosity you have shown with your commitments of time and resources to the project. There is no doubt in my mind that many children who would otherwise have died will live because of you. This is a magnificent achievement.

On behalf of the children whom we will now be able to help at Arkansas Children's Hospital, I thank you. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

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