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Dear Doctors Calabrese and Tamburrino:

The Ohio National Guard (ONG) is pleased to participate in the "OHARNG Mental Health Initiative" study. This research project began in 2008 and collects data to quantify the prevalence of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and improve treatment for our Service members.

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command recommended the project for funding, and COL Craig L. Urbauer, Chief Surgeon at the National Guard Bureau at the time, had approved the project. Additionally, the ONG reviewed the project and determined it meets all requirements outlined in NGB memorandum, *Human Subject Research Involving National Guard Personnel as Subjects*, dated 14 September 2006.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC 522a, the ONG cannot release any National Guard member's personal information without the express consent of the member. To assist you with the annual mailings to new National Guard members, the ONG will affix mailing labels to postpaid envelopes provided by the study. The ONG understands that the study is completely voluntary and that you will not share the identities of the National Guard members who chose to participate.

The "OHARNG Mental Health Initiative" research project will bring future benefits for the mental health care needs of our service members, and the ONG is pleased to participate in this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,



Deborah A. Ashenhurst
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The Adjutant General