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Michael A. Carome, M.D., Director  
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Re: Public Citizen's Letter of Concern, dated August 1, 2017, regarding the Myocardial Ischemia and Transfusion (MINT) Trial

Dear Drs. Carome and Wolfe:

The Office of Research Oversight (ORO), Veterans Health Administration, is in receipt of Public Citizen's letter, dated August 1, 2017, regarding concerns about the Myocardial Ischemia and Transfusion (MINT) Trial being sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and coordinated through the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The letter and accompanying documentation are currently under review by ORO. Further, ORO is conferring with the Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, on the issues raised in the letter, which was jointly addressed to the Director of that office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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