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Dear Mr. Patton,

I am the president and managing partner of Austin Retina Associates in Austin, Texas where we have been serving the citizens of central Texas for over 30 years. Our eight person retina group is committed to excellence in retinal care.

I am writing this letter enthusiastically in support of the Optos optomap camera which is our preferred imaging modality. We own five systems in three locations. The 200 degree, high resolution images, and easy-to-use autofocus modality make it superior to other imaging systems. Optomap has significantly improved our efficiency and care of patients, particularly those with diabetic retinopathy.

I remember the day I first encountered an Optos image in my clinic. I immediately appreciated the impact it would have on my efficiency by expediting my review of retinal images and allowing assessment of a much wider angle of the retina thus augmenting patient care.

I have reviewed over 6,000 diabetic retinopathy screening photos taken with standard (non widefield) cameras as part of a telemedicine program we helped develop. Through this process, I have often lamented the lack of a view of peripheral pathology which can be an indication of more aggressive disease in a small subset of patients with diabetic retinopathy.

Our telemedicine program is unique in that in addition to screening over 6,000 patients to date, we also closed the care loop for these patients by scheduling follow-up for 81.9% (versus previously reported 30%) of those needing further evaluation by a retina specialist. I believe telemedicine will be the standard for diabetic retinopathy screening in the future. I hope to be helping drive a new standard of care for diabetic patients using optomap ultra-widefield imaging.

Gratefully,

Jose Agustin Martinez, M.D.