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Dear Mr. Wiegiersma,

On behalf of the Board of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) it is my pleasure to inform you that we whole-heartedly underwrite the importance of your activity regarding the institution of a Qualitative Health Center for patient experiences as initiated by the Health Experiences Research Group of Oxford University and fully endorse your activities to the end of founding a European Center.

We agree that this is a timely and highly policy relevant issue. The need of exploring through qualitative interviews patients' experiences in order to improve care quality is more than clear and we are sure your activities can have a significant impact on this.

Furthermore it is our conviction that a European Centre as described by you will enable the comparison and increase of existing research and be an important tool to establish a permanent research group.

We wish you success in the pursuing of your goals.

Sincerely,

Ms Monika Kosińska
Secretary General

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