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RE: Jean S. Kruger D.O.B. June 17, 1937

Dear Ms. Scheving,

I received your request for further information regarding my evaluation and impression of Jean S. Kruger (d.o.b. 6/17/37) relating to my June 2015 evaluation of her.

- 1. On the date of the evaluation, June 24th, 2015, as a result of documented history, clinical interview, and formal neuropsychological testing, Jean S. Kruger showed a pattern of performance consistent with at least a moderate degree of dementia. I state this with a reasonable degree of neuropsychological certainty.
- 2. The history, nature and pattern of Jean Kruger's cognitive impairment suggested that it reflected a progressive pattern of decline over the prior year or years. <u>Her dementia rendered her vulnerable to undue influence, coercion, or exploitation, and I recommended that family pursue guardianship.</u>
- 3. As such, it was my professional opinion that Jean Kruger did not on June 24th, 2015, and does not today, have the capacity to make safe or informed decisions on her own behalf regarding her healthcare, finances, or place of residence. She did not and does not have the capacity to enter into a binding document, agreement, contract, or other legal document.
- 4. With a reasonable degree of neuropsychological certainty, I assert that Mrs. Kruger's cognitive impairment and hence her vulnerability had predated my formal evaluation of her and certainly during the months prior to her evaluation on June 24th 2015. Given the

degree of documented impairment in memory, language, and reasoning on June 24th, 2015, it is my professional opinion as a clinical neuropsychologist with 26 years of experience that Mrs. Kruger would not have had the capacity to enter into a binding agreement contract, or other legal matter on June 9th, 2015, just two weeks prior to my evaluation of her.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Thompson, Ph.D. Clinical Neuropsychologist