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Michelle Bowles, Director of Research Assurance & Ethics
Institutional Review Board
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Dear Ms. Bowles:

I am pleased to confirm that Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish (NHS) College has established an Institutional Review Board (IRB) reliance agreement with the University of North Dakota for the DOT SMART Grant MHA Nation Drone Project: Planning and Protocol supported by a United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Grant (SMARTFY22N1P1G38). I serve as a Principle Investigator on the grant.

MHA Nation Drone Project staff presented the research plan for an assessment of Tribal needs to the Health and Human Resource Committee meeting on May 2, 2024. At that meeting the research was approved by that Tribal Committee. Meeting minutes were also provided in the IRB submission to UND. As part of the grant, there is an approved data management plan in place with DOT covering data sovereignty and privacy. Presently neither NHS College nor the MHA Nation has an IRB. However, NHS College is relying upon the expertise of University of North Dakota's IRB for the ethical review, approval, and management of research involving human subjects.

For any questions regarding this IRB reliance agreement, please contact me by phone at (701) 627-8053 or email.

Sincerely,

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