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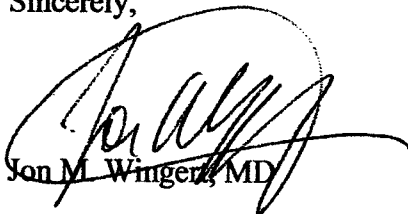
Re: Steve A. Hammond/DOB: 05/09/1954

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Hammond is a patient of mine with a service connected disability. He has a medical condition known as peripheral autonomic neuropathy erythromelalgia, which is a rare condition that causes the body's thermostat to fail to work properly. People who have this condition are unable to regulate body temperature properly and feel like their surrounding environment is at a temperature of 90 °F, whether it is summer or winter. The peripheral neuropathy causes a loss of sensation in feet, making it difficult to manage on uneven ground and uneven grades. Additionally, the patient has a history of a traumatic brain injury and suffers from major depressive disorder, cognitive disorder and personality change due to the traumatic brain injury. He has been treated through psychiatry, and maintenance of his vehicles provides him with therapeutic relief of these conditions.

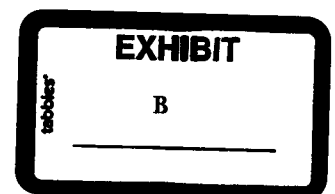
In the summer the patient's vehicles that sit outside become very hot, and this significantly exacerbates the symptoms from his medical condition due to the extremes in temperature. The same is true in the winter. I believe a garage large enough to house all of his vehicles is appropriate and necessary for him to be able to maintain his vehicles in a controlled environment. Furthermore, this garage should be located close to his house at a distance of no more than 30 feet, on level terrain to and from his house, and able to accommodate a mobility scooter or wheelchair.

Sincerely,



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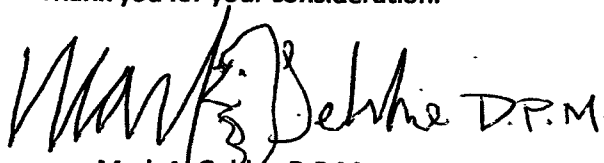
RE: Steve A. Hammond

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Mr. Hammond has been a patient of the Ft. Meade Podiatry Department for many years. He has a service connected disability and a medical condition involving his autonomic nervous system. This condition is called Peripheral Autonomic Neuropathy Erythromelalgia. This renders the patient unable to control his body temperature. In the summer, it is too hot for Mr. Hammond to work outside. Indeed, his boat is necessary to allow the patient to escape hot summer temperatures. Winter causes a different issue in that his is unable to tolerate the drastic changes in temperatures. His condition does not allow him to wear thick or warm clothing. Mr. Hammond must wear shorts and sandals throughout the winter.

A five stall garage near his residence is necessary to alleviate pain and suffering caused by the patients' rare condition. The patient needs to be able to house his R.V., boat, water truck, pickup, tractor, cars, and shop equipment indoors. He needs to have all of his vehicles in a single, climate controlled area that is accessible using a wheel chair or mobility scooter. The patients' mobility requires a short distance and level terrain from his garage to his home. The patient is unable to enter any vehicle that has been left in the hot sun. Danger from frost bite in the winter is also present due to the patient's need to wear light clothing. Furthermore, a five stall garage would allow Mr. Hammond to utilize his tools and knowledge to maintain and repair his equipment. This activity is therapeutic for his traumatic brain injury.

Thank you for your consideration.



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