

August 1, 2006

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Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

I am writing, confidentially, in reference to my father, [REDACTED], whom I recently accompanied to your office for his glaucoma checkup.

I drove him that day, while he directed me through the Twin Cities from Coon Rapids. Although his directions were accurate, I observed that he was not able to decipher signs until he was virtually upon them, including the large overhead freeway signs. In addition, whenever a family member is following him in their own vehicle in traffic, we observe his consistent inability to remain within marked lanes. He often varies from the route he has prescribed, presumably because he misses the signs as he approaches them. As stated in the brief note I passed to you as we left the examining room, my dad has been stopped by the police at least four times since November for "swerving and weaving." Further, he has had two "fender-benders," both attributed to him, and frequently acquires new dents and scrapes on his vehicle. He is now in the process of being scheduled for both a written and road evaluation. I realize he has passed visual inspection "medically" for driving, but functionally, he truly appears to have visual difficulty on the road, as much as cognitively.

He has reported to us that he is meant to obtain letters from you and his PCP about his current condition. We are hopeful that this information regarding his recent driving record, and our family observations of his road skills, might be useful in your assessment of his status. Finally, we do not believe he will pass his written and road tests. Any support that you can provide to him in what will no doubt be a devastating change in independence will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for your care for our father and the great comfort you have provided him over the course of his glaucoma and cataract surgery.

Very truly yours,

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