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Fire Department of North Versailles
Mr. Sam Gates
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Dear Mr. Gates & Mr. Roka Jr.,

This letter is in regards to a patient you cared for, [REDACTED], who as you know suffered an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest on 1/18/16. Due to your excellent care, [REDACTED] had a return of spontaneous circulation and was transferred to UPMC Presbyterian. As part of our dedicated Post-Cardiac Arrest Service, I had the privilege of continuing to care for [REDACTED] throughout the hospital stay and want to provide you with personal feedback regarding her status.

Unfortunately, despite maximal therapy, [REDACTED] did not survive her cardiac arrest. Nonetheless, we would like to thank you for the care you provided to [REDACTED]. We appreciate your daily hard work and effort in the field caring for critically ill patients.

During her hospital stay, [REDACTED] received treatment from many physicians, nurses, and other health care providers including the Post-Cardiac Arrest Service, Cardiology, Critical Care Medicine, and Neurology. Specific interventions included: neurologic critical care and continuous EEG. She died on 1/20/16.

Thank you again for the outstanding care you provide daily, and specifically to our mutual patients. If you ever would like further follow up on any post-cardiac arrest patients from UPMC Presbyterian, please contact me via email or phone.

Sincerely,

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