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Dr. Kuether,

I received letter that you have resigned from Microneurosurgical Consultants.

About 5 years ago I was in auto accident, hit by drunken driver while waiting for green light on my way to gym from work. My lower back was injured to the extent that I was loosing control of my legs and I was in incredible pain. Just like if this was not enough, I got laid off from work as product development engineer probably on perception that I no longer was willing to work. In reality dealing with pain and partial immobility (which I was hiding) took all my energy.....No job translates typically in NO MEDICAL INSURANCE in USA for regular folks, so there I was at 59 basically heading for nursing home. I took medical conversion for almost \$1,000/month, but when I started to feel better one month I dropped it. Then things got much worse, I had a tough time to walk from my garage driveway to the house door.

I wrote you a letter about my condition and called for appointment. After couple of visits surgery was scheduled for 3rd of July, on weekend you were supposed to be off. You were trying to help me since I had only about 2 weeks left when I had to have a surgery within time limit when I had a legal right to sue my auto insurance company for medical care. What surprised me at that point was the fact that I was only requested to put down \$1,000 down before surgery, like all other patients with medical insurance. I was not requested to put house equity as collateral or any other security for payment. At the end my lawyers managed through mediation get money to pay for surgery and they also got paid. During mediation I only asked for my medical bills to be paid.

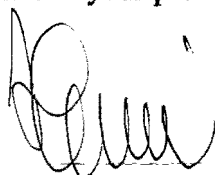
The financial issue of my story is not the reason why I am writing you this letter. I am thinking about you almost every day. Just about every day I am thanking you for incredible surgery that you have performed on my lower back. You have incredible skills and you are such a good human being. I wish I knew the words to describe how much I am thankful to you and how much I appreciate what you have done for me.

I wish you many successful years as neurosurgeon. I wish this not only for you, but also for thousands of people out there who are in desperate need of help by surgeon with very special skills like yours and big heart like yours.

Thank you for everything you have done for me and also for others who think of you the same way as I do, but did not sit down a table with pen and shared their feelings with you.

Best wishes in your professional and private life,

Henri

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Henri', written in black ink.

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