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Mr. James Mansour  
Chairman  
CPRIT Oversight Committee  
Cancer Research and Prevention Institute of Texas  
211 E. 7th Street, Suite 300  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Chairman Mansour:

I write in response to your request that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) open an inquiry into the flawed grant that the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) awarded to Peloton Therapeutics. By this letter, I confirm that the OAG will review this matter and, in the course of that review, will seek all necessary information from current and former CPRIT staff, as well as any other individuals with knowledge of the facts related to this matter. The OAG's inquiry will review will include—but is not limited to—any financial interest CPRIT staff or any other individual may have had in the Peloton grant award.

Relatedly, I am aware of your recent request that CPRIT staff take whatever steps are necessary to forensically restore and recover internal emails and other electronic communications related to the Peloton grant. With that in mind, the OAG has a Computer Forensics Unit that specializes in recovering lost or destroyed electronic files. The OAG's Computer Forensics Unit will utilize all available technology in an attempt to fully recover any Peloton-related electronic files that are no longer available.

Given the significance of this matter, the OAG official assigned to lead this matter will contact CPRIT's Executive Management to begin our inquiry tomorrow morning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hodge  
First Assistant Attorney General