{Insert Tester Name}

I would like to thank you for corresponding and sharing with me the DNA match between members of families that we are researching and which has or may lead to additional matches of interest and a better understanding of our mutual families.

Three types of DNA testing for genealogical purposes are currently in use: Y-DNA, mtDNA, and atDNA. Each has specific uses in genealogy and/or are appropriate only for one gender. The tests for your sample are marked by an X on the appropriate line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Y-DNA \_\_\_\_\_ mtDNA \_\_\_\_\_ atDNA

Your DNA sample testing was done at: \_\_\_\_\_ Ancestry DNA \_\_\_\_\_ Family Tree DNA

 \_\_\_\_\_ 23 and Me \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

I would like to have your permission to use the results of your DNA testing in written and/or oral works including, but not limited to, journal articles, web site/blog postings, and teaching/lecturing presentations. Please read and initial and/or check (as appropriate) the following items. The first set of items provide information on the DNA testing process itself as well as specific items regarding the use of DNA results in specific applications. Hopefully, you are already aware of these things since you have already tested, but these are here as a reminder. Your initials signify your understanding of these items. The second set of items are the explicit permissions you would be granting me regarding the use of DNA results in the various applications. Your initials and following signature signify the granting of permission for the specified use.

Informational Items (**Please initial** to show your understanding)

\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer of your DNA results to additional testing companies and/or to a third-party analytic site (e.g. GedMatch) can help with the interpretation of DNA test results and their implications for family relationship. Transfers will not happen without your permission. I will discuss with you whether such transfers would be helpful after your DNA test results are received.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your DNA results have been/will be analyzed, compared, and correlated with the results of your potential relatives to provide evidence for the biological connection of the various families being researched.

\_\_\_\_\_ Unexpected results about yourself, your immediate family, or your ancestors might be revealed by DNA testing. The most common of these is the identification of a previously unknown adoption and the identification of mis-attributed parentage (i.e. some person on the family line is not the biological parent of a child previously believed to be theirs); other unexpected findings are also possible. **Please check one** of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Inform me of such findings \_\_\_\_\_ Do not inform me of such findings

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical information might be revealed by DNA testing, even when testing is performed at DNA testing companies that do not explicitly test for medical associated markers.

\_\_\_\_\_ DNA testing databases might be used for purposes other than genealogy (e.g. by law enforcement to find criminal offenders) and your DNA results might be subject to subpoena given appropriate legal process. Where the testing company provides the option, do you wish to opt in (allow matching to law enforcement test kits) or opt out (do not allow matching to law enforcement test kits). **Please check one** of the following:

 \_\_\_\_\_ Opt in \_\_\_\_\_ Opt out

\_\_\_\_\_ You consider designating a beneficiary for the DNA results. For more information on designating a beneficiary and links to example beneficiary forms see: <https://www.ongenealogy.com/sample-forms-name-beneficiary-dna/>

\_\_\_\_\_ In any of the approved applications of your test results, you have the option to anonymize/disguise your name. As a matter of general practice, I designate any living DNA donor or their living relatives as Donor X, Tester X, Living X or some similar form unless you provide explicit permission to use your name. However, it should be acknowledged that due to the nature of the relational information used in genealogy, your identity might still be determined.

\_\_\_\_\_ In a written work, your username and/or kit number must be revealed for the written work to be viewed as legitimate and reproducible. As part of the review process for written works for publication, this information will be confidentially reviewed by other professionals in genealogy and genetic genealogy. Where matching segment data is used in a publication, the GEDmatch number for the data will appear in the publication.

For more information, please review the Genetic Genealogy Standards available at <http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Genetic-Genealogy-Standards.pdf>.

Permissions

\_\_\_\_\_ I give [your name] permission to use my DNA results in written products such as journal articles, relationship summaries (whether for publication or private use), and similar written products.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give [your name] permission to use my DNA results in web site and/or blog posts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give [your name] permission to use my DNA results in teaching and lecturing presentations, including in supplemental materials for those purposes (e.g. a syllabus).

For any of the above permitted uses of my DNA results, I give [your name] permission for (**pick one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ the results to be used only with the use of an anonymized designator such as those noted in the information items above

\_\_\_\_\_ the results to be used either with the use of an anonymized designator such as those noted in the information items above or with my real name as deemed appropriate for the specific use.

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Signature or Signature of legal representative Date

Below this line for use by [your name] only

Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kit Number and/or Display Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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