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Ms. LeeAnne Dennewitz
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Dear LeeAnn:

Thank you for your partnership and support of the people of California over the last 18 months.

Creating the Valencia Branch Laboratory added new capacity that allowed California to increase testing availability in communities at high risk for contracting COVID-19 such as essential workers, those in congregate care settings, and communities of color. Together we have performed more than 8.5 million tests on samples from a network of more than 4,700 specimen collection sites developed with churches, schools, clinics, essential workplaces and community-based organizations.

This work created deeper and wider access to testing. Roughly 62 percent of tests performed for PCR only specimen are among racial minorities with 32 percent in the most disadvantaged neighborhoods based on the California Health Places Index (HPI) Quartile 1 and 25 percent in Quartile 2.

Our capacity on PCR testing has helped keep communities and families safe when the trajectory of the disease was uncertain, allowing us to identify early on those who are infected, even before they become symptomatic.

We have come an incredibly long way since the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when doing more than a thousand tests in a day was an accomplishment of note. Our understanding for how to use the various modalities of testing to help manage the pandemic has grown, as well. As with all aspects of our COVID-19 response, we have remained committed to constant improvement.

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As highlighted by the California SMARTER plan, Antigen testing is now a major component of our ongoing testing response, and the commercial laboratory capacity has been dramatically increased over the last 18 months with constant changes in testing approaches and capabilities.

As such, it is time for California to leverage the now sufficient laboratory capacity of the commercial market and the flexibility it brings. Therefore, we are notifying you that we are terminating the contract in 45 days, in accordance with Exhibit A, Section 8(1) of the contract 20-10648. We are grateful for the partnership and proud of the work we've done together for the people of California.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy Bow".

Timothy Bow
Contract Officer, Covid Emergency Operations