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Dear cherished PMGA families, caregivers, and friends:

The Board of Directors of the PMG Awareness Organization, Inc. would like to provide an update regarding the convention scheduled for July 22-25, 2021 in Orange County, California.

As you know, the PMG Awareness Organization supports people who have Polymicrogyria. Just as every other medically connected organization, given the current pandemic, we are in an extremely uncomfortable situation. Many of our community members are medically fragile, potentially immune-compromised, and considered to be at a high risk of contracting COVID-19 more severely. In addition, many of the convention attendees will be children under the age of 16 and are currently unable to receive the current COVID-19 vaccine. With safety procedures to protect against the pandemic evolving and the pandemic ever changing; this will limit travel options for our families, as well as our speakers, cause financial disruption, and overall make putting such an event on, a potentially hazardous and negligent situation.

Our organization runs solely on the financial support of donors. The money that was used as the deposit for this event was earned through fundraising, directly from our families and supporters through hard work, time, and energy. We have an amazing group of dedicated families that thrive off being able to come together at such events as this. We understand the significant importance of events that bring us together. We want to make the most of our hard-earned resources by holding our convention at a time that would give the best opportunity for as many families as possible to join us for the convention.

We have a duty to our community to protect them and the resources earned by providing events that are safe and the best use of funding. With all things considered, it is with a heavy heart we announce that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Board of Directors unanimously voted to postpone our convention until 2022. We did not come to this decision lightly. We spent countless hours discussing the consequences of having the event and postponing it. We genuinely believe this is in the best interest of our families and the appropriate move to make as an organization.

We are very appreciative that the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa were so accommodating again this year, to allow us to postpone our event. Thanks to their willingness to work with us, we were able to roll all monies and terms of our agreement for our event for next year.

We cannot wait for this incredible event come to life in sunny California. So, please save the date for July 7-10, 2022! We look forward to the day we can come together as one PMGA family. Until then, stay safe and we wish you good health and joy.

Warmly,

The Board of Directors for PMG Awareness Organization, Inc.