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Dr. <name>,

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I am in receipt of your email (dated 2/26/19) in which you refuse to schedule a meeting with me to discuss patient care and your assessment with your former patient. I made this request for a meeting because it was essential to my ability to provide continuity of care to the patient. I believe your refusal to meet with me to provide me with information about your assessment and diagnosis with the patient has caused great harm to the father, harm that is likely irrevocable for the him and his family.

I believe that your refusal to meet may represent a violation of Standard 3.09 of the Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct of the American Psychological Association;

3.09 Cooperation with Other Professionals

When indicated and professionally appropriate, psychologists cooperate with other professionals in order to serve their clients/patients effectively and appropriately.

I believe that your delays in scheduling a meeting were unreasonable, and that your refusal to provide me with information about your assessment and diagnosis of the patient has caused significant and considerable harm to my client, your former patient. Actions that harm the client would represent a violation of Standard 3.04 of the APA ethics code:

3.04 Avoiding Harm

(a) Psychologists take reasonable steps to avoid harming their clients/patients, students, supervisees, research participants, organizational clients, and others with whom they work, and to minimize harm where it is foreseeable and unavoidable.

I am providing you with this letter pursuant to my obligations under Standard 1.04 of the APA ethics code;

1.04 Informal Resolution of Ethical Violations

When psychologists believe that there may have been an ethical violation by another psychologist, they attempt to resolve the issue by bringing it to the attention of that individual, if an informal resolution appears appropriate and the intervention does not violate any confidentiality rights that may be involved.



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