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The mission of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Cardiology Foundation is to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The American College of Cardiology is leading the way to optimal cardiovascular care and disease prevention. The College is a 52,000-member nonprofit medical society and bestows the credential Fellow of the American College of Cardiology (FACC) upon physicians who meet its stringent qualifications. The College is a leader in the formulation of health policy, standards and guidelines, and is a staunch supporter of cardiovascular research. The ACC provides professional education and operates national registries for the measurement and improvement of quality care.

The ACC's Annual Scientific Session & Expo is a three-day cardiovascular continuing education program presented by world-renowned faculty, and features one of the world's largest expositions of cardiovascular products and services. It is the premier conference in the field of cardiology, has no retail or commercial purpose and is a not-for-profit professional education activity.

The meeting significantly changes the practice of medical care for physicians and patients around the world. Submissions selected for presentation at the ACC annual meeting have global impact with more than 300 media members from around the world with more than 1.5 billion media impressions. The meeting focuses on cutting-edge science and innovations in the field of cardiology, lifelong learning and practice improvement and reflects passion for education and peer-to-peer networking. Abstracts selected are published in the online version of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology (JACC)*, which has a very high impact factor.

In 2017, the Annual Scientific Session & Expo was attended by more than 13,000 professionals including physicians and scientists from all over the world. We received more than 4,000 abstract submissions and after undergoing a vigorous selection process performed by experts in the field, only the very best abstracts were selected for presentation.

This letter is to certify that Dr. Neil F. Gordon received the Best Poster Award for the research he submitted and presented at the American College of Cardiology's 66th Annual Scientific Session & Expo, held in Washington, DC from March 17 to March 19, 2017. The Best Poster Award is given to the highest scoring abstracts that are presented as flat board posters at the Annual Scientific Session & Expo and it is a great indicator of the quality of work being presented by the winners.

Dr. Gordon received the Best Poster Award for the following abstract presented at ACC.17 in the Prevention pathway:

Evaluation of the CardioSmart Population Health Management Initiative: Changes in Health Risks and Participant Satisfaction. Neil F. Gordon, Richard D. Salmon, Brenda S. Wright, George C. Faircloth, Terri L. Gordon, Michael Hargrett, Martin R. Berk, Barry A. Franklin, Martha Gulati, INTERVENT International, Savannah, GA, USA, University of Arizona-Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, USA.

This is truly a great accomplishment, since only the three highest scoring flat board posters from each pathway receive this award.

Sincerely,

Robin Young
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