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Dear Ms. Vert:

America’s Blood Centers (ABC) is requesting the opportunity to provide an oral presentation at the May 9th Blood Products Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting. ABC is the national organization bringing together community-based, independent blood centers. Our member organizations operate more than 600 blood collection sites providing close to 60 percent of the U.S., and a quarter of the Canadian, blood supply. These blood centers serve more than 150 million people and provide blood products and services to more than 3,500 hospitals and healthcare facilities across North America. All ABC U.S. members are licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

ABC plans to speak in support of the safety of the current deferral strategy and express the need to ensure that any changes to that strategy are evidenced-based, cost effective, and operationally feasible.

We are requesting three minutes for our oral presentation.

The following individual will speak on ABC’s behalf:

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ABC appreciates the opportunity to provide an oral presentation at the BPAC meeting. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Justine Coffey, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Public Policy (jcoffey@americasblood.org).

Sincerely yours,
Kate Fry, MBA, CAE
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