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Sara Struwe Chief Executive Officer Spina Bifida Association of America 1600 Wilson Boulevard Suite 800 Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Sara:

I am pleased to inform you that the Spina Bifida Association of America has met all of the requirements of the National Health Council Standards of Excellence Certification Program<sup>®</sup>.

This means that your organization adheres to the 38 standards adopted by the National Health Council's Board of Directors to ensure that our Voluntary Health Agency members maintain the highest levels of transparency, accountability, and public stewardship. The standards cover the areas of governance, human resources, programs, fundraising, finance, accounting and reporting, and evaluation.

We believe that our patient advocacy organization members derive enormous credibility with constituents, donors, and the general public through their adherence to the National Health Council Standards of Excellence.

Thank you for your efforts to achieve compliance. This certification covers the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. Congratulations on your excellent rating!

Sincerely,

Marc Boutin

Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Nicole Gower, Board Chair