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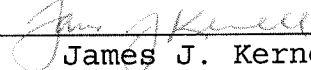
Re: Application for U. S. Letters Patent
PERCUTANEOUS AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT
Docket 2745

Dear Troy:

We have completed a draft of the above-identified application. Please review the enclosed specification and drawings and provide us with your comments.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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& Medtronic Corevalve, LLC