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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in reference to my patient, Mrs. Sarah Pringle. I have been seeing her here in office concerning issues with worsening asthma, environmental allergy issues and shortness of breath. It also should be known that she has seen at least two physicians from Allergy and Immunology concerning worsening asthma and allergic-type symptoms. It was recently brought to my attention that Mrs. Pringle has been exposed to raw coal dust particulates that apparently have come from train cars that are brought to her home via wind that are associated with the WE Energies power plants. Mrs. Pringle continues to have significant trouble with her asthma, breathing and allergy-type symptoms despite the fact that she has seen at least two different allergists, and has had manipulation in her medications. She also in the past has been to the hospital for evaluation for these symptoms and, again, has had multiple visits with our office for continued care. Based on her current level of worsening symptoms, it seems very probable that her condition is being worsened by exposure to raw coal dust particulates. There are no known health benefits to coal dust particulates and these obviously would be an exacerbating factor to her asthma and allergies, likely causing bronchoconstriction and spasm which would worsen her asthma as well as increase in her symptomatology of shortness of breath. Also exposure to this coal dust particulate would definitely increase her symptoms with her allergies and would make her more prone down the road to future infection such as upper respiratory infection, acute bronchitis, and even possibly pneumonia.

I have indicated to Mrs. Pringle during her last visit with me on 04/11/2014 that she would be best served by having no exposure to raw coal dust particulates, in that she is currently suffering likely from exposure and immediate removal from the source of allergen would be beneficial.

If you have any questions concerning this very pleasant patient, you may contact my office at (262) 687-8173.

Sincerely,

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