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Prof. Dr. med. Peter Dominiak President, University of Lübeck Ratzeburger Allee 160 23538* Lübeck

Dear Prof. Dominiak

It has come to my attention that there is a possibility that the Medical School, as well as the University of Lübeck, may close in the not too distant future and I would like to lodge my concerns with the authorities who are considering this action.

I am a close research associate of Professor Hiort and have collaborated on a series of research programmes in the field of Disorders of Sex Development. We were initially funded by the European Society of Paediatric Endocrinology and more recently by the EU through EUFP7. The Euro DSD programme of research is a very successful international collaboration which has been led admirably by Professor Hiort. There is a high possibility that this shining jewel in the field of rare disease research in Europe will be lost for good if Professor Hiort cannot continue the direction he has embarked upon in Lübeck.

I sincerely hope that the ruling parties of Schleswig-Holstein will reconsider their proposed actions.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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